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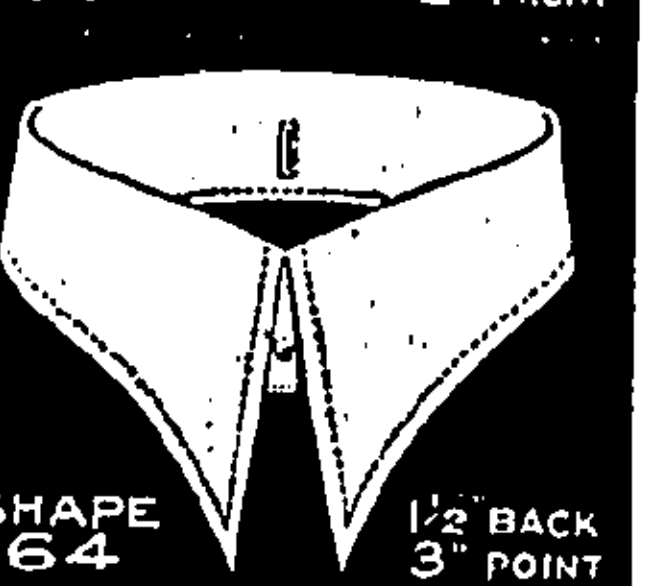
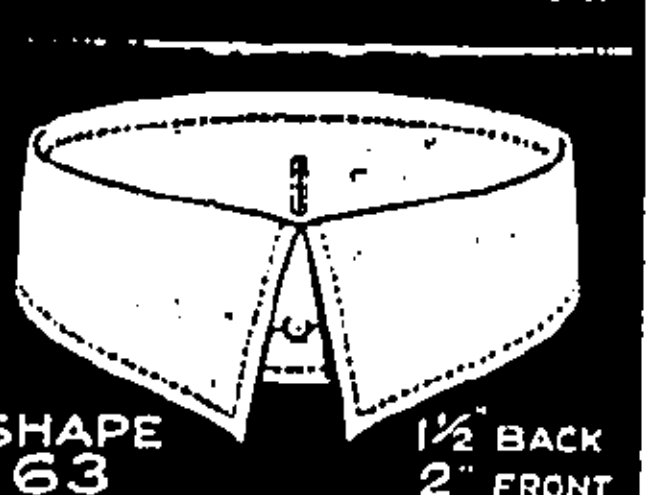
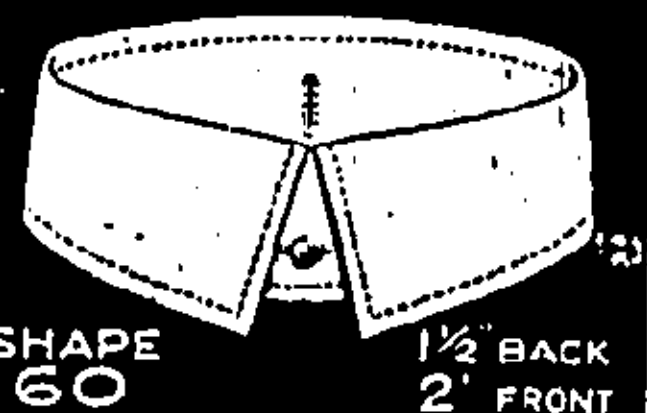


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SERIOUS INCIDENT AMERICAN WARSHIP'S CASUALTIES

ATTACK FROM SHORE "DELIBERATE AND MALICIOUS."

Shanghai, April 26.

There were several casualties on board the U.S.S. "Penguin," including one badly injured, as the result of the warship being fired on with rifles, machine guns and field pieces yesterday, eight miles below the Kiangyin forts.—Reuter.

Worst Attack Yet.

Later.

The firing on the U.S.S. "Penguin" by Southern batteries was apparently deliberate and malicious.

This is the worst attack from the standpoint of casualties that has so far been sustained by a United States vessel in Chinese waters.—Reuter.

MARKED CHANGE.

Reds Adopt a Friendly
Role.

Hankow, April 25.
It is apparent that the Communist section of the Nationalist Government here are endeavouring to pave the way for a more friendly atmosphere and to create a greater degree of confidence for the better furtherance of their attempt to get foreign business to resume again.

A marked turn towards friendliness has taken place, all Chinese paying marked respect to foreigners and property.

The Government is making advances with a view to the resumption of trade.

A Surprising Report.
Lui Hao, who was recently reported to have been appointed Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Kiukiang, has arrived here from Kiukiang where he was in danger of arrest.

[This report is surprising in view of the fact that a message from Kiukiang on Friday stated that the Communists appeared to have Kiukiang completely in their control and had dismissed the Moderate, Mr. Liu, to make way for Lui Hao who was reported to be a strong "Red" and a Hankow nominee.]

Further considerable bodies of troops are being moved up to meet the Fengtien advance on the borders in Honan.—British Naval Wireless.

Nanking Outrages.
General Ching Chien, whose men are alleged to have been responsible for the outrages on foreigners at Nanking, and whose report on these "incidents" was the subject of reference in Mr. Eugene Chen's reply to the Powers' note, has arrived here from Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

Warship Opens Fire.
Nanking, April 25.
Machine guns from H.M.S. "Cockchafer" had to be brought into play to silence rifle firing from the premises of the International Export Company which, as reported yesterday, have been occupied by Chinese troops.

Planes Over Pukow.
Nationalist aeroplanes from Nanking flew over Pukow to-day, noting the extent of the occupation by the Northerners. The planes were for observation purposes only and did not drop bombs.

Machine gun firing between the Northerners and Southerners across the river continues on a small scale.—British Naval Wireless.

Shanghai Quiet.
Shanghai, April 25.
Everything is quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Firing Across River.
Chinkiang, April 25.
The situation is the same, intermittent firing between North and South across the river continuing.—British Naval Wireless.

NO MORE TROOPS.
Sufficient Protection Already
Provided.

London, April 25.
With reference to reports that further troops will be sent to China shortly it is officially learn-

ed that "there is no proposal at all to increase the strength of the British Defence Force in China." "The policy of the Government was simply to provide sufficient protection for British life and property."

"That protection has been provided and the present position is sufficient to meet the exigencies of the situation."—Reuter.

WU PEI-FU.

Still Not Fighting Against
Hankow.

Peking, April 19.
Shanghai reports that Marshal Wu Pei-fu is heading the Northern "Allies" in Honan province are quite incorrect. The Marshal has not taken any part in the operations in Honan and he has failed to induce his subordinates to advance against Hankow in the winter. Yet when Fengtien forces entered the Province, he rather resented their so doing, but at the same time disapproved of General Chin Yun-ao's taking arms against them. Marshal Wu Pei-fu did not participate in the fighting. He is now remaining quietly at Kungshien, to the west of Chengchow.

Reached Chumiatien.
There is no sign of the "Red Spears" joining the expedition against Hankow. They remain hostile to all soldiers, whether Northerners, Southerners, or Honanites.

Skirmishing between Fengtien troops and those of General Chin Yun-ao still continues on a small scale. The Fengtien troops have not yet advanced further south than Chumiatien.

[General Chin Yun-ao has been holding back the Fengtien Army in its march from Peking, along the railway, to attack Hankow.]

BALANCE OF POWER.

Held By Tang Seng-chi of
Hankow.

Success one way or the other in the struggle between the Moderates and the Extremists of the Kuomintang may be appreciably decided by the course which General Tang Seng-chi will take.

Tang Seng-chi was, a few months ago, deemed to be more "anti-Red" than even Chiang Kai-shek. Then came the association of his name with the Communist challenge to the commander-in-chief, followed yesterday by the report of his resignation from his several posts in the Hankow administration.

From a very moderate, beginning in the present war, Tang Seng-chi has now a command of 20,000 men if not 30,000 and he probably holds the Hanyang Arsenal as well.

That, prior to the split, residents in Hunan believed Tang Seng-chi to be "White" is indicated from the following, an extract of a report dated March 21 from Siangtan (in Hunan province) to the "N. C. Daily News":

The Army in Hunan.
There has been a good deal of agitation against General Chiang Kai-shek, but it stopped almost as quickly as it began, presumably by the orders of General Tang Seng-chi. There have been a good many troops coming into the city recently and it is not known why, except

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FERRY THRILL Father Dives After His Son.

RESCUE IN NICK OF TIME.

Without stopping even to discard his overcoat, an American missionary now resident in Cheung Chau (Dumbell Island), dived into the water to rescue his only son this morning when he fell over on the ferry to Hong Kong.

Thanks to speedy co-operation by passengers and the crew of the launch, both father and son were saved.

Mr. M. W. Rankin (of New Berry, South Carolina) has been living in Hong Kong on and off and recently came down to Cheung Chau from up-country on the Consular order to leave Nationalist territory.

At 8 o'clock this morning, he boarded the steam launch "Kung Yick" to come to Hong Kong. With him were Mrs. Rankin and their child, Manley W. Rankin.

About 8.25 a.m.—less than half way to Hong Kong and well out of side harbour limits—Manley fell overboard. He and his parents were sitting at, whereas the majority of foreign passengers use the forward accommodation.

Playing With Railing.
It appears that Manley was playing with that part of the railing which can be opened but is secured by long pins. One of the pins became dislodged, the boy was pitched forward and fell into the open sea, the wash of the launch immediately carrying him well away.

This was not noticed by the passengers in the fore part of the launch. Police whistles were heard by them, amidst the shrieks of women. An armed junk has just passed by and some on the launch thought that piracy had broken out.

Mr. Rankin went after his son practically instantaneously, without divesting himself of even his shoes or his overcoat.

Meanwhile, Sergeant W. R. Chester Woods (in charge of the Cheung Chau Police Station), who was also a passenger, had started to lower the small lifeboat. The Chinese crew, with three of the seamen, were very soon rowing their hardest looking for the father and son.

Weighted down by his clothing and by no means a powerful swimmer, Mr. Rankin took off his big coat in the water but did not reach his son. Lifebuoys had been thrown into the water by Sergeant Chester Woods and the Indian anti-piracy guards but Mr. Rankin began to tire and could not reach them.

Saved.

Mr. Lynn W. Franklin, a Consul of the American Consulate-General in Hong Kong, who is also a Cheung Chau resident, had noticed the position the father was in. He threw him another lifebuoy which Mr. Rankin was able to reach and cling to. Mr. Franklin had speedily divested himself of his coat and had torn off his vest, breaking his watch-chain in so doing.

Before anybody else could dive into the water, a cry went up that the lifeboat had picked up the little boy, who was then floating face downwards with limbs outstretched—after having been in the water from five to seven minutes.

Rowing at very great speed, the coxswain and his foks had seen Mr. Rankin pick up Mr. Franklin's lifebuoy and had therefore followed the boat first. Manley was rowed back post haste to the launch where he was handed over the side to Mr. Franklin, still face down and carried back to the launch.

Artificial Respiration.
Sergeant Chester Woods and Mr. Franklin at once began artificial respiration as the child's heart-beats had practically stopped.

On board were Dr. Cook and a nurse, Miss Boys, who rendered first aid.

Somebody discovered that the Indian guards had a stock of rum on board. Generous external application was made all over the boy's body while the doctor and nurse massaged his hands and others did all they could to bring the water out.

Mr. Rankin was picked up exhausted but was assured that his son was "all right."

For upwards of twenty minutes the volunteers worked unremittingly and at last the boy began to breathe a "little better."

He was still unconscious when the launch arrived, at least an hour later, at Hong Kong. Arrangements were made to bring him to the Matilda Hospital where it may be mentioned he was born eighteen months ago.

Prompt Rescue Praised.

Mr. Rankin was given stimulants on the launch and seemed "little the worse for his immersion."

Those on board speak very highly of the smart work done by Sergeant Chester Woods in taking charge and organising the rescue, of the capable assistance rendered by the In-

TRAFFIC CHARGES. Tram and Column of Soldiers.

MEN FORCED TO SCATTER.

A tramcar motorman was summoned before Major Willson this morning for having disregarded the signal of a traffic constable at the junction of Arsenal Street and Queen's Road East.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said a column of about 100 soldiers was marching along Queen's Road East towards Happy Valley and defendant who was approaching up the Arsenal Street incline was signalled to stop by the Indian constable.

He took no notice and swung his car round the bend almost into the soldiers who had to scatter to avoid being knocked down.

Mr. Gillard, the Tramway Co.'s Traffic Inspector, said they had no corroboration from the military authorities. According to what he could gather from defendant, who was a good motorman, a military officer motioned him to come on while the constable signalled him to stop and he was in a quandary whom to obey.

Inspector Alexander said the police had communicated with the military authorities but had not yet received a reply.

An adjournment was made until next week.

Sub-Inspector Mason summoned three motor drivers for driving their vehicles with defective brakes.

In the first case the Inspector said the hand brake of the lorry concerned was absolutely useless while the foot brake was only 25 per cent. good. He drove the lorry himself and found the steering gear was in a very loose condition.

Magistrate: Only yesterday there was a serious lorry accident when one person was killed and many hurt. It was probably due to the same cause.

The second defendant was a public car driver. Inspector Mason said both brakes of this vehicle were useless. The general condition of the car was so bad that he was afraid to change from first to second gear. He tested the car in the police compound and did not dare take it down the incline.

Accused was fined \$20.

Dealing with the third case, also concerning a public car, Sub-Inspector Mason said both brakes of this car were defective.

Accused said he knew of the defect and had informed the owner about it. There was an urgent call however, so he decided to take one more trip before repairing the brakes.

Magistrate: This once more might have resulted in an accident. Fifteen dollars.

Sergt. Clark summoned the owner of car No. 349 for speeding. Defendant was going at between 25 and 30 miles along Queen's Road East towards Arsenal Street at 6.45 p.m., on April 18. The Sergeant said it was particularly dangerous on this occasion because there had been races and a football match at Happy Valley and thousands of people were about.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

Mr. H. O. Woo was summoned for driving a motor car in Des Voeux Road West with a learner's licence which permitted him to drive a car in Happy Valley only.

A further charge was that he passed a moving vehicle on the left hand side.

He admitted both charges, but said the vehicle he passed was a meat truck, the driver of which signalled him to come on.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on each charge.

A Chinese committed suicide at the San Chun On Boarding House, N. 133, Connaught Road Central, yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor.

Suffering from injuries to his head received from a fall while attempting to alight from a moving bus on the Lai Cheekok Road, a Chinese was yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Seriously injured through being attacked with a chopper a Chinese is now in Kowloon Hospital. The attack was made on the first floor of 686, Reclamation Street, Yaumati, yesterday afternoon following an argument. The alleged assailant, whose name the victim gave, has absconded.

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POLICY OF PEACE.

President's Important
Speech.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA.

New York, April 25.
President Coolidge, in an important speech on the foreign policy of the United States at the annual dinner of the United Press, emphasised that America is trying to promote a world-wide policy of peace and good will based on better understanding through justice and fair dealing.

He denounced the misleading attacks on the Government in its efforts to defend American rights when threatened or invaded in foreign countries and expressed the opinion that the Government had usually been too remiss rather than too active in supporting the lawful rights of its citizens abroad.

Dispute With Mexico.
President Coolidge flatly rejected the Senate proposal for the settlement of the dispute with Mexico by arbitration, and expressed the opinion that a settlement could be reached on the basis of recent conversations with the Mexican Ambassador who had informed him that Mexico did not intend to confiscate American property.

While the United States would decline to countenance the virtual confiscation of the property of its citizens she did not question the right of Mexico to take any property provided she paid fair compensation.

President Coolidge emphasised that America was not warring against Nicaragua but was merely protecting American citizens and property.

Policy in China.
President Coolidge, referring to China, declared that the main difficulty was the protection of American lives and property.

After alluding to the extent of Nanking, he said Americans very deeply sympathised with China in her distress. American friendship for China had become proverbial. They had no disposition to do otherwise than to assist and encourage every legitimate aspiration for unity and freedom.

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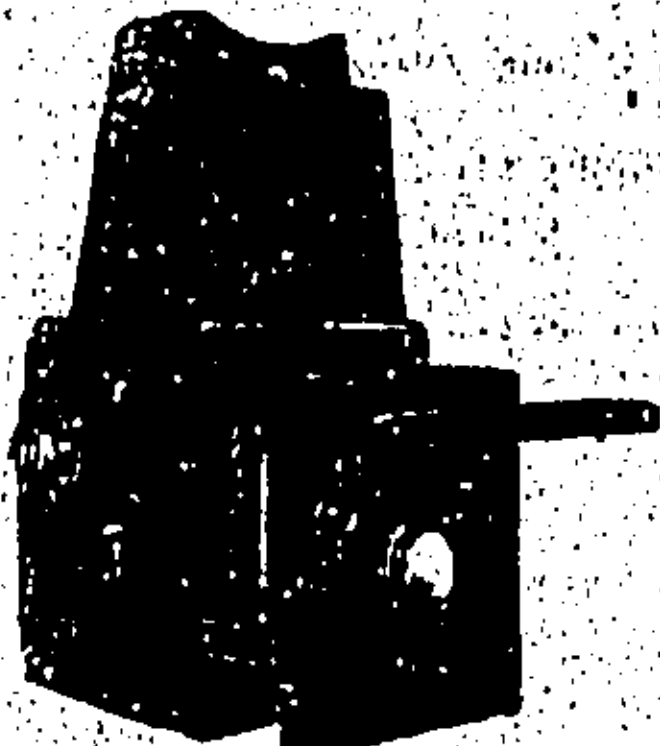
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- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1926.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th April, 1927.

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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1927.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR APRIL, 1927.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
April 26	5.50	6.47
27	5.55	6.48
28	5.54	6.48
29	5.58	6.48
30	5.52	6.40

NOTICES.

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HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. D. O. RUSSELL has been appointed Chairman of the Local Committee and also joint Attorney with Mr. FRANK GOODWIN, acting Manager, for this Company during the absence on leave of Mr. W. L. Pattenden. By Order of the Directors.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer & Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. FRANK GOODWIN has been appointed acting Manager of the above Company, with Co-power of Attorney, during my absence on leave. By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer & Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUBS in Membership are reminded that all suggested additions, Alterations or Amendments to the Rules of the above League must be sent in to the undersigned not later than MAY 1ST, in accordance with League Rule 25.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th April, 1927.

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Entries will close at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1927.
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS may now book seats at the Pavilion to witness Semi-Final and Final Matches of Open Events in the Tournament.

MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS, booking at the Pavilion ONLY, have the privilege of obtaining tickets at REDUCED prices.

Booking will CLOSE at the Pavilion on WEDNESDAY, 27th April, at 8 p.m. After above date (27th April) booking will be at Messrs. Moutrie & Co., at ordinary prices. First Semi-Final is fixed for FRIDAY, 29th April.

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Hong Kong, 25th April, 1927.

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"THE LETTER."

SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S NEW PLAY.

TRAGEDY RECALLED.

Quite the best resumé of Mr. Somerset Maugham's new play, "The Letter," appears in "The Observer" of February 27 over the initials of Mr. St. J. Ervine. It reads as follows:

"When the curtain rose, Leslie Crosbie was busy pistolling Geoffrey Hammond. She fired six shots at him and stretched him dead on the verandah of her husband's bungalow in Bolanda. Then when the Chinese 'boys' gathered around her, she instructed them to telephone to her husband at Singapore, and retired to her bedroom. This scene lasts for several minutes, and is extraordinarily exciting. The dramatist in Mr. Maugham made no mistake in opening the play. The curtain rises again. Three hours are supposed to have elapsed. The Assistant District Officer, John Withers, and a lawyer, Mr. Howard Joyce, and Leslie's husband, Robert Crosbie, are present, and Leslie is telling them what happened. After Robert had left her to go to Singapore, she was sitting in her drawing-room, making lace. About eleven o'clock, a not unusual hour of calling in the Federated States, Hammond turned up. He was a neighbour of the Crosbies, and manager of a rubber estate about eight miles from their bungalow. He and they had little in common, but he was a likeable chap, who had done well in the war, won the D.S.O. and the M.C., and been lame in the leg. People liked him. Formerly he had been a good dancer and tennis player. Now he played billiards very well. 'He was a tall good-looking fellow, with attractive blue eyes and a fine head of black, curling hair.' He was too fond of girls. Although the Crosbies had not much in common with him, they had, of course, been neighbours, and once, when he was ill, Robert had motored over to his house and brought him back to their bungalow, where he stayed for a fortnight. But there was no real friendship between them, and, on the whole, Mrs. Crosbie was rather annoyed by his call on that evening when Robert was at Singapore, for she was particularly anxious to finish a piece of lace for her mother's birthday.

"Suddenly Hammond began to pay compliments to her. He praised her hands, a compliment which irritated her, for her hands were not her strong point. He praised her pretty eyes. She told him not to be silly. Then he said that he loved her, and had loved her for seven years. She began to lose her temper. 'You poor fool,' she said, 'don't you know that I've never loved anyone but Robert, and even if I didn't love Robert, you're the last man I should care for!'

Then, inflamed by passion and drink, he tried to rape her. Half-dazed with terror, she seized the revolver lying on the table and, unaware of what she was doing, emptied it into him. That was her story, and everybody on the Peninsula, from Penang to Singapore, repeated the details of it and thoroughly approved of Leslie's act. It was a shame that she should have to be put under arrest and charged with murder, even although the arrest was practically formal, and the outcome of the trial obvious. Still, as Mr. Joyce, an old friend of Robert's, said, 'The law is the law.' Undoubtedly, Hammond was a bad lot. It had transpired that he was living with a Chinese woman. Ouf!

"And then, while Joyce was wondering why a terror-stricken woman should behave with so much deliberation as to follow Hammond and shoot six bullets into him, and generally behave with astonishing coolness, repeating the details of her story without a single deviation from the first recital of it, his Cantonese clerk, Ong Chi-seng, a University man who had studied law in Gray's Inn, and was a devoted disciple of the late Herbert Spencer, remarked that a 'friend' of his, one Chung Hi, a merchant, had a 'friend' an ignorant Chinese woman, who had a letter that Mrs. Crosbie had written to Hammond on the day of the murder! The price would be ten thousand dollars. The woman, it seemed, was Hammond's Chinese mistress. The letter was a curiously worded one. It begged Hammond to come to the bungalow—'R. will be away for the night'—and ended with the assertion that Leslie was desperate and could not answer for the consequences if he failed to come to her. In the end Joyce bought the letter, with Robert's sanction, and Leslie escaped hanging. But the whole miserable story had now to be revealed to Robert. Leslie had been Hammond's mistress for years. He had tried of her, and was proposing to abandon her for the fat Chinese woman. So she killed him. And, although she proposed to be a good wife to Robert, she must acknowledge that she still loved Hammond. That was her retribution: that she had killed the man she loved. I wonder, though, if she would have continued to love a man who had so horribly humiliated her."

"It will be seen, remarks the 'Malay Mail,' that Mr. Maugham has followed pretty closely the lines of a 'cause celebre,' which actually occurred here in Selangor some fifteen or sixteen years ago, though whether he has provided the correct solution of the accused woman's motive for shooting her victim is still a matter of conjecture."

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HONG KONG.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1927.—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	37' 1" B. 10' 1" B.	
Tytam Byewash	21' 2" B. 23' 3" B.	
Tytam Intermediate	34' 7" B. 22' 0" B.	
Tytam Tuk	52' 5" B. 32' 2" B.	
Wong Nei Chung	28' 6" B. 15' 6" B.	
Pokfulum	18' 6" B. 18' 6" B.	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow".
A denotes "Above Overflow".
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Tytam	141.57	304.39
Tytam Byewash	2.31	1.37
Tytam Intermediate	53.80	92.29
Tytam Tuk	450.69	751.74
Wong Nei Chung	4.79	13.72
Pokfulum	30.58	27.24

Total 683.55 1,191.66

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March—

	1926	1927
Consumption	108.25	213.75
Estimated population	399,680	410,200
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	16.0	17.0

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts up to March 14, and services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and Supply was given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1926. Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Garden Road during March 1927 and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Garden Road during March 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	23' 3" B. 17' 9" B.	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	24' 11" B. 21' 9" B.	
Reception Reservoir	24' 4" B.	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	151.95	193.39
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	15	28.60
Reception Reservoir		27.03

Total 151.95 249.02

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1926	1927
Consumption	83.54	77.45
Estimated population	154,860	159,400
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	7.0	15.6

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Total rainfall to March 31, 1927, 7.45 inches.

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TAIYO MARU Tuesday, 31st May.

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SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

ANYO MARU Thursday, 28th April, at Noon.

BOKUYO MARU Wednesday, 8th June.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.

ARISATA MARU Saturday, 7th May.

KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 21st May.

HAKONE MARU Saturday, 4th June.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 25th May, at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 22nd June.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

LISBON MARU Thursday, 5th May.

TSUYAMA MARU Saturday, 14th May.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DAKAR MARU (calls Saigon) Sunday, 16th May.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

WAKASA MARU Saturday, 28th May.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

TOTTORI MARU (calls Penang) Thursday, 28th April.

RANGOON MARU Saturday, 30th April.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

MORIOKA MARU Saturday, 30th April.

NAGATO MARU Tuesday, 10th May.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Tuesday, 24th May.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TSUSHIMA MARU Wednesday, 27th April.

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ATHOS II	25th Mar.	28th April	24th May
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Built in Germany on account of war reparations, the "Athos II" arrived at Kowloon wharf this morning where she was admired by many eyes.

This new French liner is owned by the Service Contractuels des Messageries Maritimes who recently took delivery of her, despatching her from Marseilles on March 25 on her maiden voyage to China.

She is a sister-ship to the "D'Artagnan" and "Chenon-cieux"—both well known in Hong Kong and the Far East.

Interesting Features.

It will be remembered that the first liner named "Athos," of the Messageries Maritimes, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Feb. 17, 1927.

The new liner, which has some interesting features, has a length over all of 172.45m., a breadth of 20.10m., her maximum displacement is 21,380 tons, and her gross tonnage 15,950 tons.

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Novel Rudder Device.

It is noteworthy that all first-class and second-class staterooms are side-cabins, as well as a large number of third-class cabins.

The whole of the decorative work of the passenger accommodation has been carried out by French firms, while the hull and propelling machinery have been constructed by Germans.

Another feature of the "Athos II" lies in her "Oertz" rudder, this being the first application of this novel device on a French ship.

The "Athos II" was to sail for Shanghai at 4 p.m. to-day.

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Alleged to implicate a Portuguese resident in Canton, a seizure of opium worth a quarter of a million dollars was made by the Nationalist authorities who, according to the "Canton Gazette" suspect that the large cargo of drug was intended for delivery to a Portuguese merchant.... for the purpose of smuggling into Macao for sale.

The buyer is said to have paid a large sum to the Canton resident, with which to bribe the crew of the Nationalist gunboat.

NAVY TOBACCO CENSUS.

Devonport.—A naval order directs that in order to ascertain whether there is likely to be sufficient demand for special cigarette tobacco to justify its addition to Admiralty supplies, the views of ships' companies are to be ascertained and reported to the Commander-in-Chief. This step is being taken in consequence of a request that two separate types of manufactured tobacco should be supplied by the Admiralty for issue on repayment—for pipe and cigarette-smokers respectively.

"Hai Kang" to carry the dope from Wuchow down the West River.

The rest of the story, as told by the "Gazette," is as follows:—

The crew of the "Hai Kang" pretended to comply, accepted the bribe money, and proceeded to Wuchow to get the opium.

Fell Into A Trap.

Quite unconscious that he had fallen into a trap, the Portuguese merchant handed the valuable opium to the crew of the "Hai Kang." The "Hai Kang," instead of steaming for Macao, sailed for a Government searching station. As the gunboat neared the station, Chang Wang, commander of the boat, ordered the arrest of all the smugglers.

After the summary arrest, Commander Chang Wang reported the matter to the nearest preventive service authorities on the West River. Representatives were sent to the gunboat to conduct an investigation. All the opium on board was seized and brought to Canton. The crew of the "Hai Kang" will be suitably rewarded.

NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE.

Wellington, N.Z., April 25.

Mr. Holland, Parliamentary Labour leader, promises the strongest resistance to the Government's defence programme especially the offer to contribute £1,000,000 towards the Singapore Base in seven or eight annual instalments.—Reuter.

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. J. R. Liley, chief officer, "Chengtu," has gone chief officer, "Hanyang."

Mr. G. A. Elias, chief officer, "Changsha," has gone chief officer, "Chengtu."

Mr. J. Major, second officer, "Chengtu," has gone second officer, "Changsha."

Mr. G. T. M. Ramsay, second officer, "Kaying," has gone second officer, "Chengtu."

Mr. D. D. Richards, chief officer, "Anhui," has gone chief officer, "Ichang."

Mr. E. Williams, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Anhui."

Mr. J. Will, from reserve, has gone acting second engineer, "Teau."

Mr. W. Gordon, second engineer, "Teau," is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. Brown, second engineer, "Chenan," has gone acting chief engineer, "Sutai."

Mr. A. Keown, third engineer, "Suiyang," has gone third engineer, "Chenan."

Mr. K. McDonald, sup'y third engineer, "Suiyang," has gone third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."

Mr. F. M. Ide, second officer, "Mausang," has gone chief officer, "Cheongshing."

Mr. N. H. Bennett, chief officer, "Cheongshing," is on reserve.

Mr. N. Cook, from Admiralty service, has gone sup'y chief officer, "Pingwo."

Mr. W. C. Excell, second officer, "Kutsang," has gone second officer, "Mausang."

Captain S. O. Mitford, from reserve, has gone master, "Suisang."

Captain P. Jowitt, of the "Suisang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. T. Bould, second engineer, "Suiwo," has gone second engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. F. Kerslake, third engineer, "Suiwo," has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. R. Clarke, third engineer, "Kutwo," has gone third engineer, "Suiwo."

Mr. J. Fowler, third engineer, "Tungwo," has gone third engineer, "Kutwo."

Captain O. C. Blown, from reserve, has gone master, "Tseangtah."

Captain W. Rogers, of the "Tseangtah," is on reserve.

Through passengers on the "President McKinley," which arrived here on Sunday from Manila, included:—(for Shanghai) Mr. F. Ritter (La Salle Extension University of the Orient), Mr. L. A. Spalding (Elder Life Insurance Co.), Mr. A. Strok (the impresario, managing Heifetz's tour in Australia and the Far East); (for Yokohama) Mr. H. E. Root (merchant), Mr. J. D. Mancini (I.C.S. representative), Mr. J. B. Van Waveren (A.P.C. Manila) and Mrs. Van Waveren; (for San Francisco) Mr. John M. Nahapiet (manager of Rangoon Hotel), Miss E. G. Lee (Camp Fire Girls Executive); (for Los Angeles) Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bowman and family of Calcutta.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
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* LA PLATA MARU Friday, 6th May.

* (calling Port Elizabeth).

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

KIFUNESAN MARU Tuesday, 26th April.

INDO MARU Thursday, 6th May.

CELEBES MARU Thursday, 19th May.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Sunday, 1st May.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Saturday, 30th April.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKO MARU Saturday, 30th April.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Friday, 6th May.

HAIPHONG, VIA HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU Wednesday, 27th April.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

HAGUE MARU (calling Los Angeles) Sunday, 1st May.

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ALTAI MARU Friday, 13th May.

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BIRTHS.

DE BEDOIRE.—On April 19, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. de Bedoire, a daughter.

PHILLIPS.—On April 21, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips, Kiangnan Dock, a son.

CHAPMAN.—On April 21, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chapman, of Wenchow, a son.

DIAMOND WEDDING.

HOWELL-MILNE.—On April 21, 1927, at London, Joseph Howell to Margaret Milne. Parents of George Howell of Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd., Shanghai.

MARRIAGE.

MARKLEY-ROBERTS.—On April 21, 1927, at Shanghai, Frances Charlotte Markley, daughter of the Rev. A. Berleot Markley, to Donald Roberts.

DEATHS.

BEACH.—On April 20, 1927, Edith Beach, aged two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Beach, of the Hotel Plaza, Shanghai.

SCHAURETE.—On April 21, 1927, August Heinrich Schaurete, at Shanghai.

McEWAN.—On April 22, 1927, at Shanghai, Alexander McEwan, late chief engineer (retired), L. C. S. N. Co., in his 76th year.

LEPEKHIN.—On April 22, 1927, at Shanghai, J. N. Lepeshkin, of the Asiatic Trading Corporation, Hankow, aged 46 years.

Hong Kong Tuesday, April 26, 1927.

MOSCOW AND CHINA.

Recent events in China must have been extremely disagreeable for Moscow in three distinct ways. That so much energy, cunning and money should have been largely wasted through the defection of General Chiang Kai-shek must have caused the greatest chagrin. That a flood of light should have been shed on these underground activities by the Peking raid must have been an equally bitter experience. That the Bolshevik cause, already shaken and discredited, should have received such a severe set-back must have led to the greatest alarm.

The Bolsheviks, although they manage to present a united front to the world, are by no means united. They have troubles of their own which other nations, least of all the Chinese, seldom hear about. These troubles take the shape of discussions in the ranks of the Reds themselves and

the growing discontent of the populace. The great masses are becoming increasingly restive under the tyranny of their new masters, a tyranny as bad, if it is not actually worse, than the tyranny they suffered under the Tsarist regime. The masses have come to see that the freedom of the revolution is an empty mockery. They have come to realize that the Bolsheviks have largely ruined Russia, and if their fanaticism is not checked, the Bolsheviks will plunge the country into still deeper misery.

Except for the ignorant and the prejudiced—like the foreign Communist delegates now visiting Hankow—the workers of other countries have also come to see the menace of Bolshevism in its true light. The great masses of Britain and the United States will have nothing to do with Communism, and the same may be said of every other country in the world except Russia. Whatever prestige or glamour it may have possessed for the toiling masses when the movement first began, Bolshevism is now thoroughly discredited all over the world and the day of its final doom cannot be far distant.

That day will have been brought appreciably nearer by the events of the last few weeks in China if General Chiang Kai-shek succeeds in maintaining his supremacy and routing out all the paid agitators in the territory under his control. The great masses of the Chinese, it needs no saying, are strongly against Communism, which is alien to their temperament and their traditions, and provided they are not molested by intimidators, there is no fear of them becoming Reds. Thus if General Chiang Kai-shek does no more than keep the Bolsheviks at arm's length Communism in his territory will die a natural death.

Nobody knows this better than Moscow. Hence the alarm we suggest must have been felt in that quarter at recent events in China. The matter is more than one of wasted effort and lost money—it is one concerning the very future of Communism as an active force. If the Reds are finally driven out of China humiliated and discredited, the defeat will have far-reaching results, not only in Moscow, where Bolshevik power is already weakening, but all over the world. A defeat in China may well be the last nail in the Moscow coffin.

General Chiang's Role.

According to the latest cables General Chiang Kai-shek is still pursuing with unabated vigour his campaign against the Communists, the while his armies are harassing the Northerners. His is a big task—stupendous would be a better word, looking to the octopus-like grip of Communism on the territory held by the Nationalists. At the same time, however, that he is moving against the Reds he still loses no

opportunity in his official utterances to deride the foreigner in the name of anti-Imperialism. One moment he speaks of the "economic weapon" against the "Imperialists" and the next he is breathing fire and thunder at the action of the Powers in shelling the hill in Nanking with the express object of saving the lives of foreigners at the mercy of the barbarous soldiery under the Nationalist flag. General Chiang has taken a very long time to dip the bottom of the well of truth of Communism. He may take equally long to find out that there is a certain limit beyond which it would be impolitic for him to go in goading the Powers. The ideal of an independent Nationalist Government sounds all very well. If it can ultimately make for one united China that has been the dream of Chinese since the Republic was founded Chiang Kai-shek will deservedly become more than ever the idol of the populace. But along the path that reaches to that goal he must walk warily lest he alienate the Powers over-much and discover that when the country requires their help and co-operation in the task of developing the country through trade and capital he will first be required to retract all that he is now saying derogatory to the Powers. In ousting the Extremists let he himself avoid extremism in his relations toward the foreigner.

ORDERLY LINER STUDENTS.

The Hague, March 13.

Owing to the appearance of cases of suspected plague among the crew of the "Ryndam," the Hamburg-America liner, which has brought the "travelling university" from the United States to Europe, it was necessary at Rotterdam to go into formal quarantine, but this has now been removed.

Capt. Lieuwen speaks very highly of the behaviour of the students and states that there were no serious excesses or flirtations such as had been complained of by some of the professors.

ASSAULT CHARGE.

FRACAS IN AN AGENT'S OFFICE.

Said to be agent in Hong Kong of a tobacco plantation in Medan and superintendent of Chinese emigration, a Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday afternoon as complainant in an intimidation and assault case against three other Chinese.

According to Mr. H. Lo, for the prosecution, six men went to see the complainant at the Chu Yik Chan Boarding House on April 13 and accused him of killing two brothers of one of the accused. Complainant explained that the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs handled all emigration matters and kept complete records of all emigrants there, and suggested the men should make enquiries at the S.C.A. The men then de-

LABOUR AGITATOR MOBBED.

Colombo, March 20.

Ceylon does not want Socialist politicians on the European pattern. Mr. Givendré Singhe called a meeting last night to form an independent labour party, but thousands of work people attended and forced him to desist; pelting him with rotten eggs and bricks, calling him a pariah, and threatening to kill him.

manded money from the complainant threatening to assault him if he did not pay up. It is a little confusing what happened after this demand was made, but there is no doubt the six men attacked the complainant. The boarding house manager had the place locked up to prevent the intruders' escape. In spite of this three men managed to get away. The other three were handed over to the Police.

All three accused admitted the assault charge and Mr. Lo agreed to drop the charge of intimidation.

In view of the fact that he had been detained a week first accused was ordered to sign a bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The other two were Government employees, being lift conductors at the Fire Station and they were fined \$15 each or 14 days jail.

BRITISH SOLDIER'S DEATH.

Shanghai, April 26.

Private J. Doyle, of the Durham, was accidentally shot off Saturday by a comrade. The latter was cleaning an officer's revolver inside a tent when the revolver suddenly went off, the bullet penetrating Doyle's heart. He was buried yesterday with military honours. —Reuter.

CHINA FUTURE.

Bankers and the Present Trouble.

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S SPEECH.

The Earl of Birkenhead was the principal guest of the British Overseas Banks Association at their annual dinner, held at the Hyde Park Hotel.

Mr. H. D. C. Jones, president of the association and London Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, presided, and in proposing the health of the Secretary of State for India said that conditions in India today were perhaps more tranquil and satisfactory than they had been for years past. Incidentally he mentioned that the resources of the overseas banks now stood at the colossal figure of £1,093,000,000, as against £591,000,000 in 1914.

Turning to the question of China, Mr. Jones said it was perhaps not fully realised how far our Government had gone in its concessions to this new China. Our special privileges earned as pioneers of her foreign trade, the outcome of years of fair and honest trading and mutual reliance, had gone with the stroke of a pen, and our merchants and traders must start afresh to assert their supremacy. He firmly believed that when the present period of internal strife was ended the expansion of our trade with China would be without parallel in its long and prosperous history. (Cheers). It was for China to meet this country in a frank and straightforward settlement of outstanding difficulties. Her national indebtedness was relatively small, roughly 150 millions sterling, including internal obligations and guaranteed railway loans, and her Customs and salt revenue alone, so ably and honestly collected for many years past under the control of British administrators, was sufficient to meet its service and leave a handsome surplus for general expenditure, while those sources of revenue were capable of considerable expansion with the Customs surtax now contemplated and an honest administration of railway loans. The financial problems confronting China were, therefore, far from insurmountable, provided she could arrange her domestic quarrels, which were laying her countryside in ruins and destroying her credit in the world's markets. A rapprochement between the warring provinces with whom it was essential that our Government must deal was in the first place necessary, while any subsequent treaty revision should embody that security for the lives and property of British traders, and adequate safeguards to protect effectually those inalienable rights in the Treaty Ports which foreigners might reasonably look for, and which it was understood Japan, at any rate, would insist on. (Cheers).

Lord Birkenhead, responding, said that unhappily a situation existed in China to-day the complete liquidation of which must precede restoration of normal conditions, and of that liquidation at this moment he discerned little prospect. He knew of no one, however experienced in Chinese affairs, who would venture to attempt a clear and confident prediction as to that which was likely to happen in China in the next few years, in the next few months, even the next few weeks. It was known, of course, that there were behind the recent disturbances in China, and particularly the menacing movement in the Nationalist armies, elements which were not native to China, which had little in common with the ancient philosophic spirit of China, still less with its practical spirit of commercial common-sense. We could only wait patiently until some Power emerged competent to speak for China as a whole. We had gone further than any nation in the world, which had commitments comparable to ours, in showing that we were willing to admit modifications of our treaty rights which were greatly prejudicial, because we realised that if there was a new and genuinely awakened spirit in China neither common-sense nor prudence dictated the insistence upon a rigid adherence to the letter of our treaties. We undertook a greater degree of self-sacrifice than any nation in the world, and in return we, almost alone, had been pursued with an insensate and destructive malignity to which no other nation had been exposed.

The toast of "Our other guests" was proposed by the Hon. W. Pember Reeves, and responded to by Sir William H. Clark, Comptroller-General of the Department of Overseas Trade.

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JAPAN AND CHINA.

New Premier States His Policy.

"COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES."

Tokyo, April 22.

General Baron Tanaka, Premier of the new Ministry issued the following statement to-day:—

"I have now formed the Cabinet at the Imperial command and it is a great pleasure to me to make the following statement on the occasion of the assumption of my duties. The statement I make as President of the Rikken Seiyukai before the general meeting of the Party on April 16 regarding the administration of domestic and foreign affairs embodies the general policy of my Government, and it is superfluous now to reiterate it in detail. The chief aim of my Government is to clear up the atmosphere of unrest prevailing in our economic circles at present, invigorate our national spirit, and, on the basis of fundamental policy of industrialisation of the country, to effect the renovation of administrative methods, the improvement of education, the decentralisation of administration, the development of agrarian districts, the enforcement of social policies, and the maintenance of the sanctity of judicial power.

With reference to our foreign policy, the problem of the utmost importance and urgency to Japan and the Far East is the situation in China. We have long entertained profound sympathy with the legitimate aspirations of Chinese people and are determined to help them to attain their end taking into careful consideration the situation at home and abroad. But I consider that such aspirations could be attained in due order and by appropriate means and I am convinced that it is not the true desire of Chinese people to disregard such considerations and leave commotion in China to grow more intense. Moreover, I think that if the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people are fulfilled they will have no wish to endanger the present relations between China and Powers.

Our Friendly Neighbour Russia.

"It seems that the Powers in important relation with China are not averse from according to the legitimate demands of the Chinese people. I have no doubt that there is a way to satisfy their demands without causing any grave alteration in the relations between China and Powers, and I earnestly hope, therefore, that Chinese people will give serious attention to this consideration.

"In the matter of communist activities in China, Japan can hardly remain indifferent as she is vitally concerned with the preservation of peace in the Orient generally, and is so placed as to be directly and most deeply affected by the result of such activities.

"It is also a matter of extreme importance from general view point of the peace of the world and happiness of mankind in general, and Japan is ready to co-operate with the Powers after taking into consideration the character of the particular problems involved, the appropriate time, and proposed measures to be taken. I am confident that this stand which we take will be well understood by our friendly neighbour Russia.

"Lastly, I believe that our legitimate economic development will undoubtedly be welcomed by the Powers with whom we are in relations of friendship and intimacy, and I am finally resolved to co-operate with all nations for the maintenance of the happiness of mankind."

while the health of the chairman was given by Mr. John Rae.

Among those present were:—

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Sir Joseph Cook (High Commissioner for Australia), Sir James Parr (High Commissioner for New Zealand), the Hon. J. S. Smit (High Commissioner for South Africa), Sir Gordon Nairne, Mr. J. W. Beaumont Pease, Mr. R. B. Wilson, M.P., Sir Hugh S. Barnes, Sir George Sutherland, Sir Charles Addis, Sir John Cockburn, Sir E. Davson, Sir Otto Niemeyer, Mr. L. Oliphant, Lieut.-General Sir George Macdonogh, Mr. C. Nicoll, Mr. F. E. King, Sir F. W. Young, Sir Victor Wellesley, Mr. E. Hyalop Bell, Mr. Bertram Lowndes (hon. secretary), Sir B. Bruce-Porter, Sir H. McMahon, the Hon. H. S. Littleton, Mr. H. L. M. Tritton, Brig.-General Sir S. H. Wilson, Mr. E. Clifton Brown, Sir William Currie, Mr. W. S. Draper, Sir M. De Hunsen, Sir Clarendon Hyde, Mr. S. B. Joel, Mr. J. J. Brown, Mr. C. Camble, Mr. T. F. Whitley, Sir A. Lawley, Mr. H. S. H. Guinness, the Hon. Evelyn Fitzgeald, Mr. E. M. Janion, Mr. G. H. M. Cartwright, Sir W. H. Peat, Mr. A. Williamson, Mr. J. Caulcutt, Mr. L. Currie, Sir John Malcolm Robertson, Sir John Ferguson, Mr. R. Holland-Martin, Mr. S. Christopherson, Mr. J. A. Robertson, Mr. J. R. Collins, Sir E. Lionel Fletcher, Mr. H. J. Stinson, Mr. R. E. Hayes, Mr. R. H. Fos, Mr. E. L. Huse, Mr. C. A. Reeve, Mr. S. Rogers, Mr. L. Couper, Mr. F. W. Shipton, and Mr. G. F. Crump.

OUR UNIVERSITY

Reflection of China's Chaos.

ENCOURAGING FACTORS.

The difficulties faced by the University of Hong Kong, the carrying on of its work through-out the storms of the past two years without interruption or disturbance and the encouraging signs in the loyalty and achievements of the students and staff is the subject of reference in the annual report on the working of the University of Hong Kong during 1926.

After a comprehensive report of the workings of the various faculties, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell C.I.E., writes as follows:

"Educational work is always more or less a disappointment to those who are engaged in it. The possibilities are so immense; the achievements so meagre. The University of Hong Kong has always had to live from hand to mouth and this has neither added to its dignity nor smoothed its working. Young Britishers do not now, as a rule, want to come out to the East to work in Universities. China used to attract, now it puzzles, and well might a young Britisher ask why he should come out to a British University in China, when his country's policy toward China is so indeterminate. If a young man must leave Britain for the Far East, he prefers commerce with its alluring prizes.

"Immense Possibilities." "A University like Hong Kong, being poor, cannot offer good conditions of work or prospects; nor is a University appointment here likely to lead to a better University appointment elsewhere. There are immense possibilities for certain lines of research in Hong Kong but they have never been exploited and consequently they are not realised. A keen man coming to Hong Kong University feels isolated and loses heart.

"The difficulties, in fact, which lie in the path of the University's progress are immense. But while difficulties deter some, they attract others; and there is good ground for encouragement. A University in China which has been able to carry on its work throughout the storms of the past two years without interruption or disturbance must have a solid foundation somewhere. It is surely not a matter of indifference to Britishers who live or are interested in China, that the British University of Hong Kong is at the moment probably the only University in this part of the world which is carrying on its work in peace. It is impossible to believe that this fact alone is entirely without influence on the present crisis in China."

International Friendship. Commenting on the working of the University Halls, the Vice-Chancellor says that "one of the most pleasing features of these Halls is the way in which students of many nationalities and communities live together in friendship."

"In spite of the political and economic storms of the last few years, there has been a steady improvement, not only in the discipline of the Halls, but also a marked raising of the sense of responsibility and capacity for corporate action among the students generally."

"The University has maintained a uniformly high standard in its examinations, but its work has always been handicapped by the fact that the majority of students who enter the University are ill equipped in the practical use of the English language and are not therefore able, to start with, at any rate, to profit fully by the instruction which they receive in the University. This hardship affects most students during their first year and some students during a much longer period."

Financial Position. A change has been made in the method of keeping the accounts of the University. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, who in previous years have carried out the audit now act in the capacity of accountants to the University and Messrs. Thomson and Co. have been appointed auditors.

The total income for the year 1926 amounted to \$511,256.62. Of this sum \$315,476.77 came from Endowments; \$110,062.23 from fees; \$50,000 from Government; \$12,000 from the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce; \$1,000 from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the balance from other sources. The total actual expenditure amounted to \$495,556.28.

The excess of income over expenditure for the year 1926 amounted to \$15,700.34, as against an estimated deficit of \$2,416.

Out of the excess income for the year, it was necessary to make a further provision of \$15,516.58 for doubtful debts, leaving \$138.76 to be added to the surplus brought forward from previous years.

Provincial Government's Debts.

In this connection it may be mentioned that sums aggregating to \$114,094.03 are owing to the University by the Central and various provincial Governments in China, on account of the tuition and boarding expenses of students sent by them as Government scholars to the University. These scholars—and they include students from Canton—have for some years been housed, fed, taught and in some cases clothed and provided with pocket money out of the funds of the University.

A.P.C. Assistance.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Limited has for some years been delivering free supplies of fuel oil to the University for use in the Engineering Shops and Power Station. These supplies were first given either at the end of 1917 or the beginning of 1918.

After reviewing the work of the Faculty of Medicine and the individual achievements of students, the Vice-Chancellor comments that "the general policy of the University in its Medical Faculty comprehends not merely the training of students to be Doctors, but also the establishment of contact with workers throughout the medical field and thus to make known to China and the world the unique opportunities offered by a British University in Hong Kong."

Medical Faculty Handicaps

"But the work of every one of the departments of the Medical Faculty is hampered by the lack of laboratory, theatre and residential facilities. It is to be sincerely hoped that there will be no unnecessary delay in carrying out the scheme for the rebuilding of the Government Civil Hospital. This rebuilding will meet some of the more urgent needs of the departments of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and will enable the University to make full use of the Rockefeller Endowments. But there will still remain unfulfilled the demands of the departments of Physiology, Anatomy and Pathology. One of the most pressing needs is the establishment of a Chair in Biology and the provision of Biological and Pathological laboratories."

"Handicapped as the University is, its Medical Faculty is doing some sound research work (an account of this is given in the detailed report of the Dean of the Faculty), but its resources in men and money will need to be considerably increased before really effective work can be done."

Engineering Problems.

Regarding the Faculty of Engineering, the Vice-Chancellor comments that "the work of the Faculty has been seriously affected by the chaotic conditions which have prevailed for some years and are still prevailing in China. The present numbers are about half of what they were four years after the Faculty was inaugurated. The University can only hope that in the era of prosperity which is generally predicted as a sequel to the present unhappy phase, there will be in China a greater demand than ever for trained engineers, and that this Faculty will have a hand in the training of them."

New Language School.

The formation of the new department of Chinese studies is the subject of reference in the review of the Faculty of Arts work. The two part time lecturers who, up to its formation, had constituted the whole of the Chinese teaching staff, were appointed as Readers and the department was further strengthened by the appointment of a translator, Mr. Lum Tung, B.A. Chinese which could previously not be taken beyond the intermediate stage of the curriculum of the Faculty of Arts may now be offered as a subject in the Final Examinations, Parts I and II and further developments are contemplated.

Field For Research.

"An interesting piece of research work, the object of which is to work out a formula for the reading of the tides which are notoriously erratic in the Swatow area, is being conducted by the Department of Physics, in collaboration with Captain Stocker of the Swatow Pilotage."

"Much useful work of this nature could be done by the University but for the lack of staff and apparatus. There is one Professor of Physics and one Professor of Chemistry, but neither of these professors has any assistant who can undertake any lecturing or even any part of the work involved in the direction and supervision of the students' practical work. This means that, in turn,

MR. A. J. COOK.

Drubbing for Conduct in Moscow.

FOREIGN MINERS' WRATH.

Mr. A. J. Cook has been given a sound drubbing by the Continental members of the committee of the Miners' International.

The Austrian, Czech, Dutch, German and Polish members all signed a declaration in which they express indignation at Mr. Cook's conduct in Moscow and ask the British Miners' Federation to stop his attacks on the Miners' International.

Mr. Cook stated in an interview published in the Berlin "Tribune" (Labour) that the International was rotten to the core and in articles and interviews had accused the International and some of the British miners' leaders of treachery and of being in the pay of the mine-owners.

The declaration runs as follows: "The International Committee takes notice with unqualified astonishment of the groundless and offensive attacks, which the secretary of the British Miners' Federation, Cook, made against the Miners' International during his visit to Moscow."

The committee regrets the recent entry of Comrade Cook into the International Committee. It has been obliged again and again to ward off attacks in Cook's various speeches which are disturbing to the activity and the unity of the Miners' International.

The committee has no intention of interfering with the proceedings of organisations included in the International, but at the same time urgently requests the British Miners' Federation to use its influence with Cook to stop these attacks. The committee further asks to know at its next meeting whether the British Miners' Federation acquiesces in Cook's attack on the Miners' International.

Very Angry.

Mr. Cook has evidently been very angry about this attack, and, according to "Vorwärts," the organ of the Social Democrats, gave to the "Rote Fahne," the organ of the Communists, their fiercest enemies, a flaming and malicious account of the proceedings of the committee, which it publishes in its columns. It is time that the British trades unions awoke to the fact that if they wish to work with the Continental unions, whether Christian or Socialist, it is unwise to send a representative who is tarred with the Bolshevik brush.

time at least, sustained observational and research work is practically impossible. These are not the conditions under which the University has any right to expect research results.

Help From Associations.

"The Arts Association is the Senior Society in the Faculty of Arts. Affiliated to it are the Education Society, the Law Society and the Commercial Association, while the Arts Association is itself affiliated to the University Union. The declared purposes for which the Association exists are 'to promote social intercourse among its members and to provide for them experience in public speaking and in the conduct of meetings, to encourage a love of the Arts, and to form, through its Honorary Members, a link between the University and the cultural life of the Colony.'

Students' Discipline.

"The Union exercises a powerful influence on the corporate life of the University and it is pleasant to be able to record the high standard of conduct and discipline which has been maintained by the students of this University during the past year."

The additions of numbers of new Chinese books to the University Library is commented upon. These purchases were rendered possible by the special donations contributed by certain Chinese benefactors in Malaya for the extension and improvement of the University's work in Chinese.

The health of the students is reported to have been good and the standard of conduct and discipline of the students in University hostels was very satisfactory.

With the increase in the number of women students, more hostel accommodation for women is becoming an increasing need.

University Buildings Site.

"It is high time," states the report, "that the University authorities tackled seriously the question of the upkeep and maintenance of the University property. That part of Hong Kong in which the University lies, is becoming more and more built over and congested. It will be an asset to the city of Victoria generally, if the University grounds could be maintained as a place of beauty and quiet. They could be quite easily so developed, were a little more money available. Hong Kong, on its lower levels, is not over supplied with open spaces, especially in the West Point district."

WANG SHAO-HUA.

Career of a Notorious Communist.

WEALTH FILCHED FROM LABOUR.

Some days ago, the different newspapers of Shanghai reported that Wang Shao-hua, a notorious Communist agitator and chairman of the Shanghai General Labour Union, had been shot by the Nationalist troops whilst resisting in the raid on the Union.

It is learnt now from very good authority that Wang Shao-hua is still alive and that he is living in the Settlement, of the surrender of which he was, until the order for his arrest was issued, a strong advocate, says the "North China Daily News."

A Mischief-maker Always.

Inquiries show that "Wang Shao-hua" is simply a pseudonym and that the man's real name is Ho Shu-ling. After studying in Shanghai, he went to Japan where he received his higher education in the Kyoto University. Following his graduation, he went to Harbin, where he started the Labour Union. Having made things too hot for himself there, he came to Shanghai and, in order to establish his labour status, entered one of the Japanese mills as an interpreter, not a labourer, he is noted.

He then joined the General Labour Union here and was very active in connection with its affairs, later becoming chairman. In this position, he did no work at all but operated under the name of Sung Ling. As one of the leading Communists, he attacked the foreign "imperialists" and the capitalists and their "running dogs" and demanded the extermination of all of these. He bitterly denounced the foreigners and demanded their expulsion from China.

Wang Shao-hua, we shall call him for convenience, had a very magnetic personality and the labourers, his "running dogs," obeyed his orders explicitly and it was said that it was he who paid certain leaders to kill the loyal workers.

Lining His Pockets.

When he came to Shanghai, Wang Shao-hua did not have a cent in his pockets but, after assuming control of the General Labour Union, it is said that he misappropriated as much as several million dollars from the Union's funds, built a foreign residence for himself and bought three motor-cars. These funds, it should be noted, came from the pockets of the labourers, who, it must be pointed out, were not paid a cash during the time they were out on strike, contrary to their expectations, and who paid as much as 50 cents a month into the fund, expecting to receive something back when they went out on strike. A couple of million dollars, it is learned from good authority, came from the Chinese Communist Party, who, in turn, received as much as \$6,000,000 from Soviet Russia and handed only 50 per cent. over to the Labour Union.

If ever there was a fruit which was rotten before it was ripe, that fruit is Socialism.—Dean Inge.

Every age has its advantages which no other years can bring.—The Rev. A. Wellesley Orr.

Girls are interested in the world of people not in the world of affairs.—Miss Faithful.

The student of to-day takes a much larger share in his own education than he did forty years ago.—Sir Gregory Foster.

Most people are religious at heart, but won't have anything to do with organised religion.—Canon McCormick.

FATAL CRASH.

LORRY PLUNGES OVER BANKS.

A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon when a motor lorry owned by Ng Nai-hung, contractor of Saiwanho, plunged down a cliff at Shaikwan. One female passenger was killed outright while eight men also travelling on the vehicle were seriously injured. The lorry was travelling from Stanley to Shaikwan carrying a load of wood. The steering gear failed as the vehicle was turning a bend near to the tram terminus, and the vehicle went over the cliff at a high speed. The lorry was badly smashed and all the occupants were heavily thrown. The dead woman was removed to the mortuary and the injured men taken to the hospital. All are considered to be in a critical condition.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 26—Queen's Theatre: "Lovey Mary."

April 26—World Theatre: "Code of the West."

April 26—Star Theatre: "Salome Jane."

April 27—Dance at Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

April 29—Concert for Service men at the "Cheer O," Y.M.C.A., Chater Road.

Sports. April 27—Annual Hong Kong Inter-School Athletic Sports, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

Meetings. April 28—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first annual meeting of British Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.14 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth yearly meeting of China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

Reveries. April 26—Beethoven centenary recital by Mr. Harry Ore, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 26—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club debate "That bachelors should be taxed," Club House.

April 27—Victoria Diocesan Assen. "at home," Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

April 27—Entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's third extra race meeting close at 4 p.m.

May 2—Dinner and Concert at Volunteer Headquarters 7.45 p.m.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves Murray Pier 10.20 a.m.

May 7—Annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club, Hotel Savoy, 8 p.m.

We have perhaps seen the last of the old Mrs. Camps.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

In every grade of society there are a certain number of wasters.—Sir John Robertson.

I do not believe the public really want the films of jealousy and intrigue.—The Bishop of Southwell.

A good salesman must be a man who is fond of his fellow-men—what is called a "good mixer."—Mr. Gilbert Vyle.

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Reminder: The Victoria
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at the Helena May Institute to-
morrow at 4.30 p.m.

Colonel L. N. Malan, O.B.E.,
R.E. and Lieut. and Surveyor of
Works C. H. Brook, R.E. dis-
embarked from the "Khyia" at
Singapore and have been taken on
the strength of the command
there from that date.

Says the "North China Daily
News": There will be—or should
be—no criticism of the action of
the Stewards of the Shanghai
Race Club in deciding that, in
view of the distress among
various refugees who have flocked
to Shanghai and also the neces-
sity of providing comforts for
the members of the various De-
fence Forces stationed here—a
necessity that will be more press-
ing when the hot weather comes
on—the bulk of the money usually
distributed from the proceeds of
the Spring Meeting will go to the
above two objects.

The wills have been publish-
ed at Home of Mr. and Mrs.
Roscoe Brunner, who were found
shot at The Green Cottage,
Rochampton, S.W., on November
3 last, a verdict of Murder and
Suicide being returned against
the husband. The wills are dated
January 30, 1925, and November
28, 1924, respectively. Unsettled
property of the gross value of
£146,948, with net personality
£83,984, was left by Mr. Brunner,
who was formerly chairman of
Messrs. Brunner, Mond, and Co.
He left a year's wages to each
in- or out-door servant in his
service at his death, if of five
years' service. He left one half
of the income from his residuary
estate (but not exceeding £5,000
per annum) to his wife during
widowhood, or, in the event of
her remarriage, the income from
one-third of his residuary estate
up to a maximum of £5,000 per
annum. He left the residue of
his property upon trust for his
children or their issue in equal
shares. Mrs. Brunner, his wife,
left estate in her own disposition
of the gross value of £36,694, with
net personality £36,134. She left
her property equally between her
three children.

To-morrow night, the Cor-
porals of the 2nd Batt., King's
Own Scottish Borderers, hold a
dance at the Royal Engineer's
theatre in Wellington Barracks.
Lady Clementi, H.E. the General
Officer Commanding (Major-
General C. C. Luard) and Mrs.
Luard are likely to be present.

During the absence of Mr.
W. L. Pattenden from Hong
Kong, Mr. D. O. Russell is acting
as chairman of the local com-
mittee of the Hong Kong & China
Gas Co., Ltd. and joint attorney
with Mr. Frank Goodwin (acting
manager while Mr. L. J. Black-
burn is on leave) who holds co-
power of attorney.

Mr. G. P. de Martin presided
at the Helena May Institute yester-
day when the Rev. W. T.
Featherstone (headmaster of the
Diocesan Boys' School) gave a
very interesting lecture on "Some
Social and Industrial Changes in
the 19th and 20th centuries,"
making a number of illustrative
comparisons between East and
West.

ALL "OLD FRIENDS."

Mrs. Dick Norton of the
"Globe-Trotters," who are touring
in India wrote on April 2 from
Lahore to Miss Aileen Woods as
follows:—"We played at Rawal-
pindi last week for three nights
at the barracks of the 1st Batt.,
East Surrey Regiment, to packed
houses, and on the last night we
sang 'Moonlight and Roses,' and
when we had finished, 'Dick'
said: 'Now, boys, I have a mes-
sage from Miss Aileen Woods, of
Hong Kong, who sent you all her
best wishes and said you were to
sing a chorus for her.' You
should have heard the terrific
noise and cheers. They just went
mad, and we called upon one man
to sing it. Then they all joined
heartily in the chorus. It was
just wonderful to see how you are
remembered. We sail for Home
in four weeks' time from
Colombo."

[It will be recalled that Miss
Woods gave the Battalion some
impromptu concerts before they
left Hong Kong and was present-
ed with silver vases as a token
of appreciation.]

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Rev. C. Lacy and the Rev.
J. W. Shephard arrived in Hong
Kong yesterday on the "President
Jefferson."

An American Vice-Consul in
Mr. J. E. Jacobs arrived here
yesterday on the "President
Jefferson" from Shanghai.

His Lordship Bishop Valtorta,
Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong,
left for up-country yesterday and
will be away for about a week.

A wreath was placed on the
Cenotaph yesterday in observance
of "Anzac Day" by Lieut. Col.
F. Hayley Bell, as President
of the Ex-Active Service Men's
Association, members of the
Committee and Association, in-
cluding Mr. H. J. Pearce M.C.,
Vice-President, also being pre-
sent. Some of those present had
seen service with the Australian
forces during the war.

An interesting Easter-week
wedding was solemnized in the
St. John's Pro-Cathedral, Shang-
hai, when Miss Frances Markley
of St. Mary's Hall was married to
Mr. Donald Roberts of St.
John's University. The cere-
mony was read by the Rev. W. P.
Roberts of Nanking, a brother of
the groom, and the flower girls
were the Misses Edith and Helen
Roberts, daughters of the Rev.
Mr. Roberts. Miss J. Katherine
Cook was maid of honour, Dr.
H. F. MacNair was best man, and
the ushers were Messrs. E. N.
Tucker, F. W. Gill, E. K. Banner,
D. H. Porterfield and Maurice
Votaw. The bride was given
away by Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott.

A large number of the parish-
ioners of St. Andrew's Church,
Kowloon, gathered in the Church
Hall last night at a farewell
rally and concert to the Rev. G. R.
and Mrs. Lindsay, who are leav-
ing the Colony on Saturday, Mr.
J. H. Hunt, vicar's warden,
wishing them a good voyage and
a happy and useful future, in the
name of all present, Messrs. C. G.
Mitchell and W. Robson also
speaking with regret of their
vicar's departure. Mr. Lindsay
was presented with a chiming
clock on behalf of the vestry and
congregation of the Church.
Mrs. Lindsay was also the re-
cipient of gifts from the Mother's
Union. Mr. Lindsay, in the
course of his thanks, mentioned
that he had been offered and had
accepted the living of St. Andrew's
Church, Everton, Liverpool.

Mr. Hugo Reiss left Shanghai
by the R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" for the United States
and Europe and expects to return
to China in September.

Dr. U. Pusch, Mr. W. C. Burke,
Mr. H. R. Hartnett and Miss
Rosalind Chan were among the
passengers who arrived at Hong
Kong yesterday by the "Shinyo
Maru" from Shanghai.

Passing through on the "Presi-
dent Jefferson" to Manila, Mr.
H. M. Cavender (General Agent
of the Dollar and American Mail
Lines) was in Hong Kong yester-
day. Mrs. Cavender also ar-
rived here on Sunday, coming up
from Manila by the "President
McKinley."

Going on to Manila on the
"President Jefferson," which ar-
rived here yesterday via Shang-
hai, were Miss A. B. Chandler
and Miss R. F. Grau of Los
Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. E. H.
White (world tourists); Dr. and
Mrs. D. S. Courpron and family
(missionaries); Professor W. D.
Briggs (of Stanford University)
and Mrs. Briggs; Mr. E. A. Aced
(of Manila); Mr. W. S. Newman
of Shanghai, Mr. C. Ferrandiz
and Mr. G. Weber, Jr. (all
tobacco merchants); Mr. W. E.
Grey (of C. W. Rosenstock Co.)
and Mrs. Grey; Mr. Lou Hutt
(International News Reel); Mr.
L. Schnurmacher (Consul-Gen-
eral for Czechoslovakia) and
Mrs. Schnurmacher; Mrs. D.
Weninger and family (bound for
Singapore).

Shanghai papers record the
death of Mr. Alexander McEwan,
late Chief Engineer of the Indo-
China Steam Navigation Co.,
which took place on April 22 at
the General Hospital, at the age
of 78. Mr. McEwan had not
been well for some time and two
weeks ago was taken to the hos-
pital, where he gradually grew
worse. Deceased was born at
Aloha, Scotland on September 7,
1849. In 1872 he came to China
for the Pacific Navigation Co. of
London and in 1875 joined the
staff of the I.C.S.N.C. in the
employment of which he remained for
38 years. In 1923 he was retired.
He was member of the
Tuscan Lodge and has the dis-
tinction of being its oldest mem-
ber, having joined in 1881.
Deceased is survived by his wife
and one daughter, Mrs. R. W.
Yorke.

No. 24 Spring Garden Lane
was sold at the China Auction
Rooms yesterday afternoon by
Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, the
price nearly trebling. Messrs.
Au Yeung-cheung and Au Yeung-
yung became the purchasers for
\$14,500.

A pretty naval story comes
from Tarragona. The destroyer
volunteer and the Squadron-
Leader "Broke" arrived there
recently, and the proprietor of a
well-known bar inquired of the
captain of a British steamer how
he could best ingratiate the des-
troyers' crews. The knowing
skipper replied: "Put up over the
entrance 'Well done, Broke.'"
The slogan was a success, filling
the premises day and night.

Attorney Paradopoulos has
filed a suit in the Supreme Court
at Athens declaring that the sen-
tence of death by poisoning pro-
nounced on Socrates, the Athen-
ian sage, was a judicial murder.
"The honour of Greece demands
that Socrates' innocence be re-
established," he asserted. It is
a matter of no consequence ac-
cording to him that the verdict
was pronounced more than 2,000
years ago. This is not the first
time that a trial will have been
held after the death of the sen-
tenced man for the purpose of re-
storing the victim's honour, said
M. Paradopoulos.

A pamphlet just published on
"How to Feed the Family" (Wm.
Hodge and Co., Ltd., Edinburgh
and Glasgow, 6d.) contains tables
"which show how at graduated
prices, energy at the rate of 3,000
calories per man per day can be
provided by well-balanced diets
which—as far as present knowl-
edge goes—are adequate in all
respects. The author, Colonel
P. S. Lelean, Professor of Public
Health, Edinburgh University,
and Director of the Usher In-
stitute of Public Health, Edin-
burgh, furnishes details of a 50s.
weekly budget for a working
man's family, consisting of a
man, wife, boy of 12, and girl of 6
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SPORTS SECTION

HOME FOOTBALL.

PROMOTION & RELEGATION ISSUES.

RESULTS OF 6 MATCHES.

Six matches were played yesterday in the Home Football League, three with a bearing on promotion and relegation issues.

In division II, the Wolves, accounted for South Shields and are now definitely out of the wood as should they be caught up on points—they cannot be passed—they have a superior goal average.

In the same division, Manchester City creditably drew with Southampton when playing away. The Mancunians remain in third position with 51 points (the same as Portsmouth who have a better goal average and a match in hand).

Plymouth Argyle are the only club able to overhaul the southern section leaders (Bristol City). Interest is kept open as Plymouth won but Bristol have still a useful 4 points' lead.

London, April 25. Matches played to-day in the Football League (home team given first) resulted:—

Division II.
Wolverhampton 2, South Shields 0.
Southampton 1, Manchester City 1.
Division III (South).
Newport 0, Brentford 0.
Plymouth 2, Norwich 1.

Division III (North).
Doncaster 2, Accrington 0.
Walsall 1, Southport 1.

—Reuter.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

INDIANS' SUCCESSES AT THE H.K.C.C.

WIN IN STRAIGHT SETS.

Members of the Indian Recreation Club won both in the open singles and open doubles yesterday in the H.K.C.C. annual tennis tournament, doing so in straight sets.

S. A. Rumbhoo (joint holder of the doubles championship) beat J. W. Lo in the singles. The winner was at the top of his form, hitting with good judgment, nearly always with beautiful length and showed much improved attack at the net. Lo was below his best.

Razack and Cassumbhoy must have astonished even their supporters by disposing of the Fincher brothers in the straight sets, for the loss of only 7 games. The winners concentrated on the younger Fincher (E. F.) and played with much enterprise.

Both championship matches were good to watch.

In the Club Championship, the holder "Sammy" Green went a step further and G. W. Sewell accounted for Colonel C. Russell Brown after being two sets down and behind in the final set. The last-named match was mostly a base-line driving duel with plenty of gruel.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles. (4th round):—S. A. Rumbhoo beat M. W. Lo 8-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Open Doubles. (3rd round):—I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy beat E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Club Championship:—G. W. Sewell beat Col. C. Russell Brown 4-6, 3-5, 8-6, 7-5; S. E. Green beat T. D. E. Pendered 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A":—H. Owen Hughes (scr.) beat A. Piercey (rec. 15) 6-1, 6-2; R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) beat W. B. Cornaby (scr.) 6-4, 0-6, 6-3; D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6) beat H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4/6) 8-6, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B":—M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1) beat H. V. Parker (rec. 15) 6-3, 6-4.

To-day's Matches.
Open Doubles:—Col. C. Russell Brown and L. Forster v. E. de Sousa and F. Prata (3rd round).
F. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-kit (4th round).

Handicap Singles "B":—W. M. Lyons (owe 15/3) v. Barker (scr.) 4/0; H. Graves (scr. 5/6) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15/1).

Handicap Doubles:—A. W. Hayward and J. D. Humphreys (rec. 2/6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6); A. B. Raworth and T. H. King (owe 1/6) v. A. Brearley and R. M. Henderson (owe 3/6); H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (scr. 3/6) v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin (scr.); L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2/6) v. R. L. Moncrieff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15/1).

MACAO ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A three-day sports meeting is to be held at Macao on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, the sponsor being Mr. K. H. Chun. The venue is at the International Race & Recreation Club's course and there will be a number of pony events for novices of the club's riding school. It is hoped that an even bigger meeting, on the lines of the Olympic Games, will be held during the autumn, open to competitors from South China.

Entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's 3rd extra race meeting of the season (to be held on May 7) close at 1 p.m. to-morrow.

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STEVE'S MOUNT SHORTENS IN PRICE.

CALL BOY FAVOURITE.

Steve Donoghue, according to the last mail from Home, had not fixed up his mount for this year's Derby (at Epsom on June 1) but later advice tends to confirm the first impressions that he will be on Bold Archer. The 2,000 Guineas (a mile, at Newmarket) will be run to-morrow and there may be more definite news then.

Bold Archer won the Gimcrack Stakes at York. He is by Phalaris (bred by Sir John Robinson), leased to Mr. H. Shaw (that very shrewd judge) and is trained by Cottrill of Lambourne.

Private cables to hand indicate that Bold Archer is considered a sound "each-way" investment. At any rate, he has shortened in the betting from 100/6 to 10's, but Mr. Frank Haytor has received later information that 12's are asked for in the clubs.

Call Boy is the favourite. Will he hold the same position on Thursday?

Latest prices from the Victoria Club (by courtesy) are as follow:—

6 to 1 Call Boy,
7 to 1 Birthright,
8 to 1 Applecross,
9 to 1 Sickle, Damon,
10 to 1 Bold Archer (offered), 12 to 1 wanted,
12 to 1 Hot Night, Fourth Hand, Shian Nor,
14 to 1 Adam's Apple, The Grail,
16 to 1 Caledon,
100 to 6 Prestissimo,
18 to 1 Flashing Star, Presto,
Good St. Anthony,
25 to 1 Treat, Double Barrel, Money Maker,
40 to 1 Albanian, Friar of Orders, Gray,
100 to 1 Sunne's Bride and Chichester Cross.

Mr. Haytor is quoting "long odds" on the Derby—as many local enthusiasts found to their pleasure last year. Particulars can be had from him at the steeplechases this Saturday—commissions to any amount, no ways barred.

HOLDER LOSES.

HOME LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE.

HOLLAND PARK BOXING.

London, April 25. At Holland Park Hall, in a 20-rounds contest for the British light-heavyweight boxing championship, Gipsy Daniels (heavyweight champion of Wales) beat Tom Berry (holder) on points.

There was very little in the opening rounds but after the fourth round, Daniels began to forge ahead, landing left leads and quickly avoiding the veteran Berry's counters.

Half-way, Daniels was boxing coolly and confidently with a good lead on points.

Towards the end, Berry fought desperately getting in straight lefts and left hooks but he was generally out-boxed by a quicker opponent and was well beaten at the finish.—Reuter.

HOLE IN ONE.

Mr. H. Hampton (of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.) has done a hole in one, this being at the third on the Happy Valley course on Saturday, when playing Mr. F. E. Booker. Mr. Hampton is one of those taking lessons from Mr. W. C. Lyle of Australia, who is now in Hong Kong.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

Ying Wa College (open league champions) defeated St. Paul's College by 26 to 16 yesterday, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in the deciding game of the local schools' basketball league. The champions have not been defeated and the losers were hitherto undefeated this season.

The annual Hong Kong Schools' Athletic sports take place to-morrow on the H.K. Football Club ground, Happy Valley, starting at 1.45 p.m.

DISCUS THROWING IN A WIRE.



A big wire net designed to protect officials and spectators from being struck by the heavy missile, should discus throwers lose control, was used this year in the Los Angeles Coliseum, where athletes, who are holders of world records, gathered to show their skill in the ninth annual A.A.U. relay championships. The wire net includes the discus ring on three sides.

BOXING POINTS.

VIRTUES OF THE STRAIGHT LEFT.

THE ROUTE TO SUCCESS.

When a clever British boxer fails to make good in an American ring (says "John Fearless" in the "Athletic News") the first charge laid against him is: Discard your straight-left leads and cultivate two-hand intensive fighting.

The straight left is an ancient weapon of offence. Present-day American fighters have proved the fallacy of straight leads with the left glove.

There never was a more false doctrine preached. The punch is as effective to-day as it was when Jim Mace proved its overwhelming mastery. The fault is not with the blow, but with the man who delivers it.

Some boxers are like artists—they deliver it with accuracy and then stand back to admire their work! And while they are lost in thought the man in front of them rushes in and demolishes the foundation.

Old Invincibles.

Boxers like Mace, Dick Burge, Jim Driscoll, and Billy Plimmer were invincible because of their destructive work with fast-moving left hands. And those Americans who adopted the stance of the true English school—Paddy McFarland, Eddie McGooty, Pete Herman, Sam Langford, Jim Corbett and Gene Tunney were tremendously successful. For they allied the straight left with fighting courage and the will to win.

There is no punch in the whole curriculum of boxing that destroys an opponent's morale like a smashing left delivered with full force from the shoulder.

Pete Herman, probably the greatest "bantam" we have seen in an English ring, upset Jimmy Wilde's calculations, as he also did those of Jim Higgins and Joe Lynch. And judging from the criticisms of ringside experts, Tunney beat Jack Dempsey with the lead which has always been the pride of the English school of boxing.

They Keep Moving.

Tommy Milligan and Teddy Baldock have demonstrated the value of this all-conquering delivery. It is the only real blow to stop any rival who rushes in headlong regardless of the consequences.

But Milligan and Baldock are eminently successful because when they deliver the "goods" they keep moving forward with the fixed purpose of making an opening for a right hook.

Three remarkable exhibitions of glorious straight left hitting are engraved on my memory.

One was a display given by old Mace when nearing 70 against Tug Wilson, the Leicester man who evaded John L. Sullivan's knock-out. The other was Dick Burge's polished bout with Jack McAuliffe, the undefeated light-weight champion of the world; and Jim Driscoll's mastery showing with Ted Broadbribb at the London Ring on the night a testimonial was given to Bat Mullins.

Match-Winning Factor.

Micky Walker, who is matched with Milligan for the world's middle-weight title, knows the value of the straight left. Jack Britton, who met Kid Lewis no fewer than 21 times in actual contests, was a star artist with the left, and Joe Lynch exploited this lead against Jimmy Wilde at the National Sporting Club.

My contention is that the straight left is as good a match-winning factor to-day as ever it was. But our boxers must learn to hit effectively with the knuckle part of the glove—to put their whole soul and body behind the blow.

Then, and only then, will they again take their place among the world's best boxers.

DISARMAMENT.

ABOLITION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE.

GERMANS LEAD THE WAY.

Geneva, April 25. At a meeting of the disarmament Committee, Count Bernstorff renewed the German declaration agreeing to the abolition of chemical warfare which was warmly supported by the French, Chilean, Argentine and United States delegations.

The committee adjourned until May 26 when it is hoped it will conclude its labours. The special committee on the private manufacture of arms failed to reach unanimity on the American proposal to extend publicity to State arms manufacture which the Italian delegate opposed.—Reuter.

TRADE PEACE.

SENATOR BORAH AND LORD DERBY.

BRITISH NOT "OGRES."

London, April 25. The "Manchester Evening News" has received a cable from Senator Borah replying to a speech at the Manchester Chamber of Commerce luncheon wherein Lord Derby remarked that there was a prominent politician in America who always seemed to think we were ogres.



William E. Borah.

He added that if Mr. Borah would honour him by being his guest he would conduct him through industrial Lancashire where he would see what peace meant to industry.

Senator Borah retorts that he never said the British were ogres and appreciates Lord Derby's missionary spirit but does not feel the need of his gospel enlightenment.



Lord Derby.

He trusts that millions of British are anxious for world peace and will exert this influence on the Government in the Chinese affair.

He says: "China will be the acid test as to whether the nations preaching peace and international justice want peace and justice; whether the industrial peace we covet for our people will be extended to other peoples."

He hopes his visit to England will not be to hunt ogres but to see and know better a people whose highest encomium is that they are always loyal to their own flag—"an attribute which prevails rather strongly in the United States and one which I think is worth preserving."—Reuter's American Service.

\$10,000,000 LOAN ECHO

WELL-KNOWN STOCKBROKER RETIRES.

London, April 25. The well-known stockbroker, Mr. C. Birch Crisp, who issued the Chinese loan of \$10,000,000 in 1912 against the opposition of the Treasury, has retired. His firm of C. Birch & Co. will cease to exist on April 28 when his son and partner will join another firm.—Reuter.

[Mr. Charles Birch Crisp was born in 1867. He entered the Stock Exchange in 1898. He founded the Anglo-Russian Trust and the British Bank of Foreign Trade.]

AMAZING THEORY.

Trebitsch Lincoln Making Mischief?

SECRET POWER IN CHINA?

Where is Trebitsch Lincoln, the former M.P., spy, who recently made a dramatic re-appearance while his son lay under sentence of death in an English jail?

Lincoln, it will be remembered, sought to speak with his son before his execution, but he was not allowed to land in Great Britain after his frenzied rush from Ceylon. He was next heard of in America, where he declared to certain acquaintances that he had made up his mind to forsake the world of activity, which had re-sounded again and again with his amazing exploits, and bury himself for the rest of his life in the peace and seclusion of a Buddhist monastery. Immediately afterwards he disappeared, and nothing has been heard of him since. Is he now safe in his Buddhist retreat or is he, perhaps, somewhere in mid-Europe, attracted thither by troubles which are brewing? Or is he now as he was not long ago, at the back of the ferment in China?

All his life Ignatius Trebitsch Lincoln has been a seeker after intrigue and sensation. It was in 1922, when Europe grew too hot to hold him, that he made his way to China. The great power in China at that time was Marshal Wu Peifu, and it was not long before Lincoln had persuaded Wu that his remarkable knowledge of espionage and diplomacy could be put to good use in the battle for Chinese supremacy. Before long he was Wu's right-hand man and the real power behind the Chinese scene.

A Whim of Fate.

I had a long talk with him, writes a personal friend of his, about his intention to hide himself in a monastery just before he last disappeared. He was converted to Buddhism, he told me, by a British officer whom he met in China. Before his conversion his one aim was to be revenged on Britain for his treatment during the war. Faced with his new truth, all he desired was peace. He left China immediately for Ceylon and entered a monastery.

As a Buddhist monk he lived a life of stark simplicity. His only dress was a simple robe; his food, fruit, rice, curry, vegetables, and tea. All his food had to be begged in the streets, and no milk or meat was permitted. Rising at six in the morning, most of his day was spent in study. At 7.30 he went to bed. Rather a quiet life for a former member of Parliament and international spy.

Lincoln might have been in this retirement still but for a whim of fate. One afternoon while walking in a Ceylonese street he passed a news agent's store and was tempted to learn something of the outside world. He bought a paper and read of his own son's trial. He made a race with death, but in vain.

The real story of Trebitsch Lincoln's life has never yet been told. He was born on April 4, 1879, in the town of Paks, Hungary. His parents were orthodox Jews. His father was a shipowner of comfortable means. Ignatius was the eldest of 14 children. His adventures began when he ran away from home and went to Germany at the age of eighteen.

In Berlin, penniless, he sought shelter in a Protestant mission house. One of the Presbyterian clergymen who visited this mission was the Rev. Albert Frank, now dead. Dr. Frank's influence spurred him to become a minister of the Christian gospel. Trebitsch renounced Judaism and became a believer in Christ. Eventually he was ordained a minister, and assumed duties as a missionary among Indians in Canada. Later he came to England, and was made a curate at Appleton, Kent.

Suddenly he decided that he could not believe in Christianity. He resigned his place in the Church of England, and set his ambition upon politics. He became a naturalised subject, taking the name Lincoln to his own. In 1910 the Jewish boy who ran away from home was elected M.P. for Darlington.

Dramatic Escape.

When war broke out he obtained a place in the War Office and was finally accused of spying and fled to America. The rest of his life he determined to devote to revenge. He was arrested in America, however, and made a most dramatic escape. He used all his arts to become friendly with his jailers, and persuaded one of them to take him out to dinner. When the dinner was over and they were smoking cigars, Lincoln said, "I think I'll go and buy a paper." That was the last the officer saw of him. Re-arrested later, he was brought to England and sent to prison.

Has he really given up the idea of revenging himself on Britain? Or is the monastery only a blind?

A smattering of Greek or Latin is nowadays of no use to anyone; they should be learnt thoroughly or not at all.—Mr. I. F. Smedley.

Does anybody, not excepting the First Personage of the Realm, escape drudgery if he is a worker?—Mr. H. A. Vachell.

There was only one case of notifiable disease in the Colony yesterday, this being that of a Chinese from the New Territory, suffering from enteric fever (typhoid).

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 26, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	20 1/8	20 3/8	April 26
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/2	79 1/2	20 1/8 nom
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	103 1/2 s	103 1/2	103 1/2 b
do. London.	111 1/2 n		111 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	42 1/2	42 1/2	
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	43 1/2	43 1/2	
do. C.	43 1/8 n	43 1/8	
P. & O. Bank	49 1/4	49 1/4	
Bank of East Asia	68 n	68 n	68 s
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	\$660 n	\$660 n	\$660 n
China Underwriters	80 cts n	80 cts n	70 cts. s
North China Insurance	114 1/2 b	143 b	
Union Insurance	286 n	286 n	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n	38 n	
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205 b	205 b	
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 b	600 b	600 s
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 n	31 n	31 1/2 n
Hongkong Steamboats	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	1.10 n	1.10 s
Indo-China (Pref.)	30 n	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	40 n	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	94 1/2 n	95 1/2 n	94 1/2 n
Star Ferries	52 b	52 b	52 1/2 n
Water-boats	14 1/2 b	14 1/2 b	14 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	18 n	18 n	16 b
Malabon Sugars	31 n	31 n	31 n
Mining.			
Benguet	1.70 b		
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	38 1/2 n	40 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	\$21 n	21 b	21 1/2 n
do. (Single)	0 1/2 n	0 1/2 n	
Shanghai Exploration	14 n	4 n	
Shanghai Loan	7 n	7 b	
Raub	4 n	4 n	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 n		
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n	21 1/2 b	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	98 n	98 n	93 s
H.K. & W. Docks	38 n	38 n	33 n
Hongkews	130 n		150 n
New Engineerings	T 5 1/4	4.10 b	4.80 n
Shanghai Docks	T100 n	93 b	101 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	6.90 n	6.90 n	6 1/2 b
Hongkong Lands	55 b	55 n	53 s
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 n	6 n
H.K. Territor	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n	2 n
Humphreys Es.	12 1/2 s	12 1/2 n	12 s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 n	
Rural Lands.	1 1/2 n		
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T. 7 1/4 n	6 1/2 b	7 n
Oriental	T 2 1/2 n	2 n	2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T 5 1/2 n	50 b	54 n
do. (new)	T 27 n	25 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	5 n	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 n	7 b	6 1/2 n
do. (old)	6 n	6 b	5 1/2 n
do. (new)	1 n	1 b	1 1/2 Cts. n
China Buses	9 1/2 n		
China Lights (comb.)	12 n	12 b	12 s
do. (old)	9 n	9 b	9 s
do. (new)	6 n	6 b	6 s
China Prov.	4 n	4 b	3.80 b
Dairy Farms	15 n	15 n	14 s
Der A. Wing	6 n	6 n	
Hongkong Amusements	17 1/2 b	17 1/2 b	17 1/2 b
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 n	2.40 s
Hongkong Electric	50 b	51 b	51 b
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 n	10 n	7 n
do. (new)	5 n	5 n	2 n
Hongkong Tramways	20 1/2 b	20 1/2 b	20 1/2 s
Lane, Crawford	7 n	7 n	7 s
Macao Electric	35 b		
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n		
Nanyang Tobaccos		9.60 n	
Peak Trams (old)	15 n	15 n	15 s
do. (new)	8 n	8 n	8 s
Sinceres	9 b	9 b	9 s
Singapore Trams	11 1/2 n	11 1/2 n	10 1/2 n
Taxis	1 n	1 n	65 Cts n
United Asbestos			
do. (Founders)		600 n	
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n	
Watsons	11 n	11 n	11 s
Wm. Powells	6 n	6 n	5 s
H.K. Telephones	3.63 n x.d.	334 n	3 1/2 x.d. b.

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RADIO TOPICS

MORSE AND RADIO.

HOW BROADCASTING IS
SPOILT.

AN EVENING'S TEST.

In the course of an evening's test on the broadcast band twelve Morse stations which were jamming radio programmes were identified with something like certainty. Of these, two were French coastal stations (Boulogne and L'Orient), five French ships, one a British coastal station (the North Foreland), one a Swedish ship, one a Russian ship, one a Norwegian ship, and one a Belgian ship.

Two other French coastal stations and one British one believed to have been identified, but it is not yet possible to class them definitely as offenders.

Budapest was jammed both by a British ship (unidentified), which was sending a trivial private message to someone ashore, and by a French coastal station. Rosenhugel on 517.2 metres was suffering from interference from a French ship, two other sets of faint signals and a "tomic train" transmission. On Bournemouth's wave-length was an automatic signal as well as a fairly powerful spark.

Berlin Witzleben had an accompaniment from a French ship, while both Paris PTT and Bruenn were jammed by a British direction-finding station and a Russian ship. Berne was spoilt by a ship sending code, Glasgow by a French ship, and both Stuttgart and Madrid by a Norwegian.

A little lower down in the wave-length scale a terrible "mix up" was occurring. Birmingham, Breslau, Dublin, and Milan were jammed by three separate transmissions—those of a French coastal station, a French ship, and a Belgian. A Swedish ship, and others of various nationalities, engaged in testing far from any authorised wave-length, ruined the transmissions of Newcastle and Belfast, while others interfered with the ray groups a little below 300 metres.

One French ship, heard on more than one occasion, was using such flat tuning that its signals were clearly audible over a band of more than 30 metres. Malmoe was interfered with by a French ship, and

PROGRAMMES.

THE ORDER OF POPULARITY
REVEALED.

AN INTERESTING BALLOT.

A ballot was recently conducted by a London newspaper with the object of finding the order of popularity of the various classes of entertainment usually broadcast, and as over a million and a quarter votes were registered the result may be taken as being really representative of public opinion.

The result was as follows:

Or. Subject. Votes cast.

1. Variety and Concert 238,489

2. Light Orchestral Music 179,153

3. Military Bands 164,618

4. Dance Music 134,027

5. Talk: Topical Sport and News 114,571

6. Symphony Concerts 78,781

7. Solos: Vocal and Instrumental 72,658

8. Opera and Oratorio 60,983

9. Outside Broadcasts 51,755

10. Short Plays 49,857

11. Talk: Scientific and Informative 30,919

12. Glee, Chorus, Sea Shanties 30,445

13. Chamber Music 27,467

14. Revues 27,059

15. Long Plays 17,576

16. Readings and Recitations 2,717

Votes not recorded 4,013

1,285,083

This seems to be a most emphatic victory for the "low-bows" and the result will no doubt have a large influence on the future policy of the B.B.C. Programme Board.

From its earliest days, however, the B.B.C. has had its own methods of discovering the order of popularity of broadcast items. Their daily post bag brings in many letters of approval and condemnation and these opinions are all carefully indexed and analysed. Thus it has been known for a long time that variety programmes were by far the most popular of any, and the Royal Command Performance broadcast drew forth more appreciative letters than any other recent transmission.

Even the popularity of individual artists is known to the programme

RADIO RACE.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA'S
PROGRESS.

A NEW RELAY CHAIN.

It has been stated that the race for supremacy in radio lies between Britain and America, remarks a London paper. Assuming that our high-power regional station scheme is an off-set to the German multiplication of big stations, and considering the matter from the points of view of organisation, programme efficiency, and the total number of listeners compared with the population, this may be so. America, of course, has many more stations than Britain—about 700—and something like ten times as many radio sets in use, but, on the other hand, they have no semblance of unified control, no



Rear Admiral William H. H. Bull, U.S.N., retired, who has been nominated for the chairmanship of the Federal Radio Commission by President Coolidge. Admiral Bull is nominated for the six-year term under the recently enacted radio control law.

Geneva scheme to distribute wave lengths, and appear to be only just realising the advantages of simultaneous broadcasting. When President Coolidge's speech from Washington was being relayed over here by the B.B.C. engineers, it was at the same time being simultaneously transmitted from thirty-eight American broadcasting stations scattered across the Continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These stations were linked together by the National Broadcasting Company of America by something like 10,000 miles of land lines, and about 400 engineers were employed on the broadcast. This feat was hailed as a remarkable stride in the development of broadcasting.

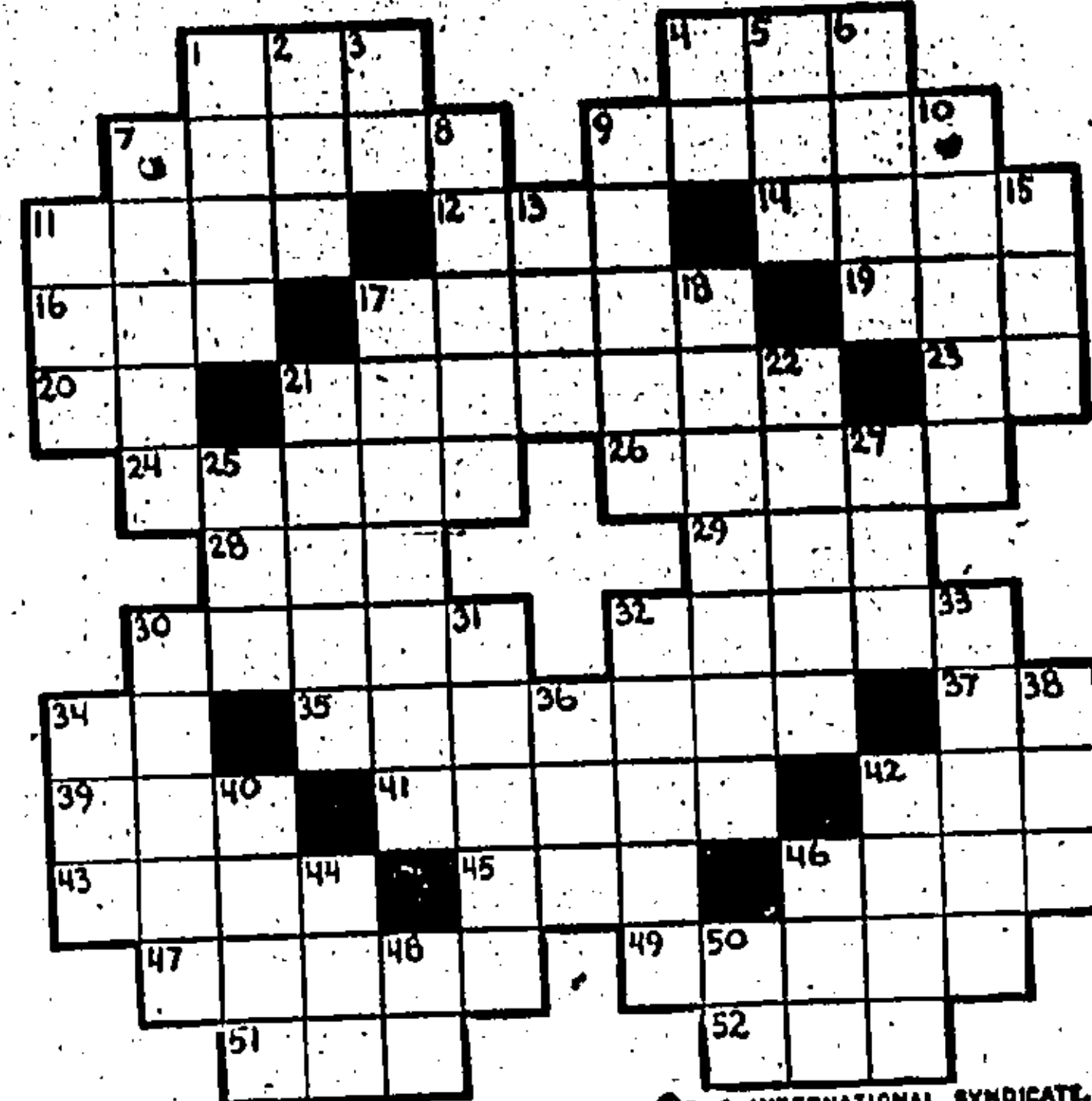
From the point of view of the distances involved, our own "S.B." system seems trivial by comparison, but it may be said that the possibilities of simultaneous broadcasting have been exploited in Britain practically since the beginning of the old B.B.C. It is only in the last fifteen months, however, that it has been brought up to a pitch of comparative perfection due to the concentration of land lines and the help given by the Post Office in arranging for special facilities. Previous to fifteen months ago, London served provincial stations by circuitous "line repeaters." Now there are lines direct to all stations via two centres, Leeds and Gloucester, and the various broadcasting stations are able, by means of a simple plug, to take from one of these concentration points whatever item is desired, and the complicated system formerly in use has been developed into a simplified network. This has also, incidentally, cut down expense.

On a point of comparison it is also interesting to note that telephone engineers are of opinion that the climatic conditions across the U.S.A., being decidedly more equable, are much more suitable for overhead wires, which have been found best for radio relays.

The havoc common to both countries in America the "line repeater" points necessary to amplify long-distance signals can be inserted on the overhead wires, and neither the lines nor the poles are so liable to expansion and contraction through climatic changes. In this

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1-Adversary

4-Projection at the side of a hearth

7-To impose unfairly

9-Chin whiskers

11-Fatty portion of meat

12-Meadow

14-Pastoral pipe

16-An amulet

17-Repose

19-24 hours

20-Prefix meaning "double"

21-To survive, as adversity

23-The (Fr.)

24-Foot trouble (pl.)

26-Elevate

34-Exclamation

35-Lies abjectly prostrate

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

37-Achieve (C)

38-Incorporated (abbr.)

41-Shovel

42-A fish's propeller

43-Place for storing corn

45-Consumed

46-Cubes used in games

47-City in Spain

48-A blouse

49-Converted

52-Clear profit

VERTICAL

1-Worry

2-Three strikes

3-Printer's measure

4-Pronoun

5-Long-handled paddle

6-Raised

7-A blouse

8-Entrances

9-To take a bath

10-Distributed cards

VERTICAL (Cont.)

11-Mourful

12-Superlative suffix

13-To color

17-Furnishes

18-Measured by a distance of 80 degrees (Astr.)

21-To compress by twisting

22-Soothe

23-Raw metal

27-A limb

30-Stimulating medicine

31-Precious stone

32-Molten

33-A degree

34-Belonging to a boy

35-Large container for liquids

38-Unit

40-A mollusk

42-A doubled-up hand

44-Brief poem

46-Expire

48-Neuter pronoun

50-Article

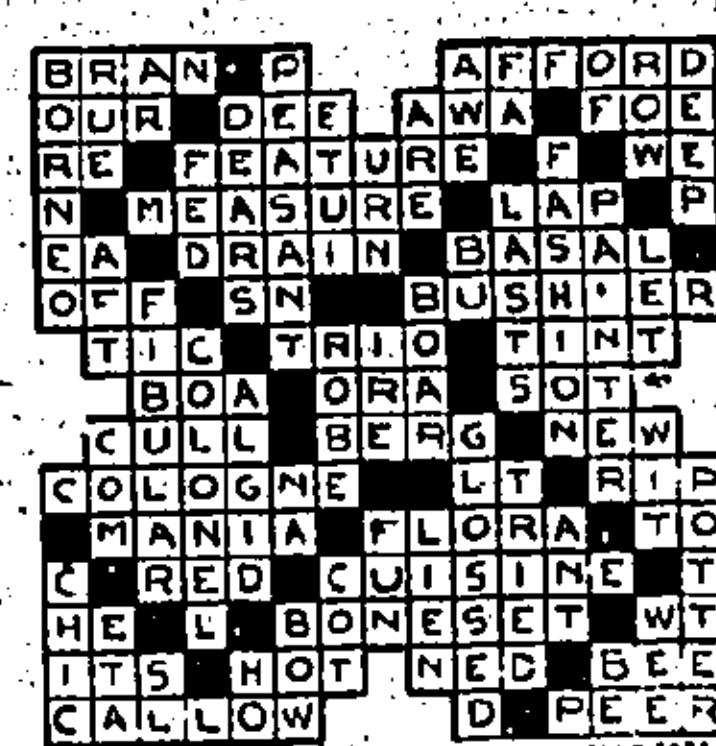
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

country, on the other hand, line repeaters are much more effectively used in underground cables than in overhead wires.

From the point of view of the possessor of a highly selective set in Britain there is, however, something to be said against the over use of the simultaneous broadcasting system. In the first place he is robbed of possible alternatives, and secondly, in the initial stages of the possession of such a receiver, it increases the difficulty of calibrating it properly. Everywhere he turns in the ether he finds fragments of the London programme, and, consequently, he has to devote himself to the laborious task of listening to foreign stations for a recognisable announcement in order to fix condenser positions.

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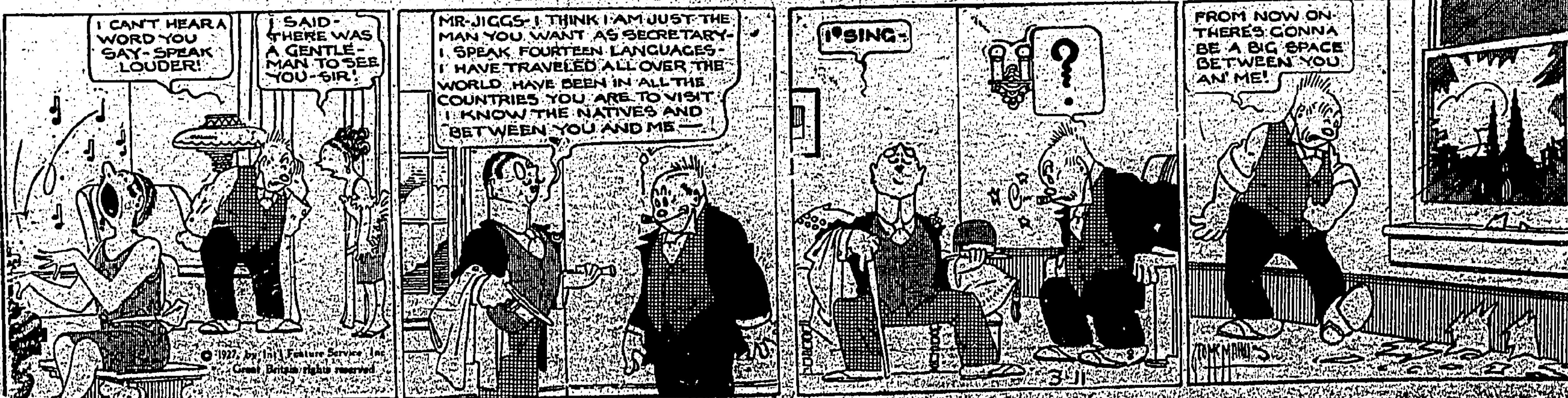
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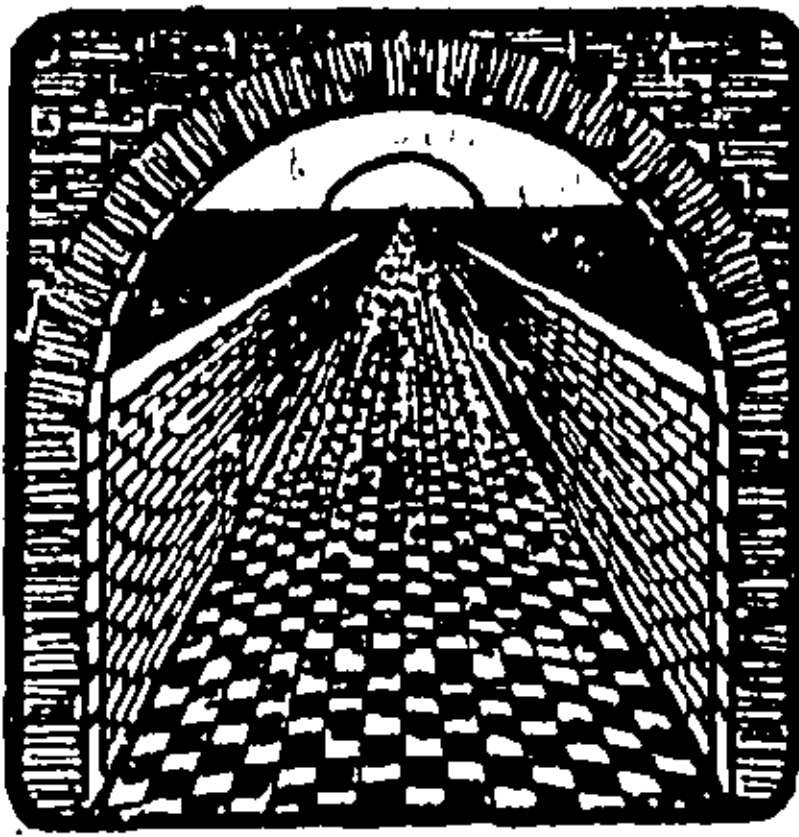
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fellows, aged 103, has died at Southampton.

The death has occurred at Oswestry of Mrs. Campbell, wife of Colonel John V. Campbell, B.C., D.S.O.

In Nottingham during 1925 the number of fatal street accidents was 243 more than in 1925, or 42 per cent. increase.

Miss Pauline Frederick and Mr. Nelson Keys are to take the leading parts in a film, "Mumsee," shortly to be made at Elstree, Hertfordshire.

Mr. J. M. Walker, aged 26, a member of the Air Reserve, was killed at Renfrew Aerodrome when his aeroplane dived and crashed in flames.

A public meeting in Nairobi showed a division of opinion on the question of compulsory service, but the country districts are unanimously in favour of it.

Members of the Piccadilly Cinema Orchestra, Manchester, gave vocal and instrumental selections to the prisoners at Strangeways Jail, Manchester.

While making a forced landing near Tonbridge, Kent, an Air Union freight aeroplane hit a tree and was damaged, but the pilot and mechanic were unhurt.

Sir Albert Ball, of Nottingham, father of the famous V.C. airman, has purchased for about £100,000 the Widmerpool Hall estate, Nottinghamshire, of 3,800 acres.

A suite of Chippendale mahogany furniture, the legs and arms carved with lattice work, realised £1,470 at Messrs. Christie's, and a Georgian dollhouse £126.

The Chief Constable of Blackpool, Mr. H. E. Derham, who is also chief officer of the Fire Brigade, was injured by a piece of timber falling on him at a fire at a house near Blackpool.

About 30 policemen in plain clothes raided the Bullfrogs Club, Sherwood Street, Piccadilly, W., shortly before midnight and took the names of nearly 200 members and guests, men and women, who were present.

Mr. John Fitzpatrick, of Eckett Street, Bermondsey, S.E., who is 101, received as a birthday gift from his son and daughter-in-law, with whom he lives, a suit, new boots, and a cap, which he wore when he walked to church.

Mr. Baldwin was among those at Victoria who bade farewell to Sir Stanley Jackson, the new Governor of Bengal, and Lady Jackson, on their departure for India.

Mr. Fred Terry has recovered from his illness, and has resumed his part of King Henry VIII. in "The Wooing of Katherine Parr" at the King's Theatre, Hammer-smith.

Three men were seriously injured at Bristol when the hawser of a lift at Messrs. Smart's furniture warehouse, Fairfax Street, broke and the lift crashed to the basement.

The Potteries Electric Traction Co., which operates tramway-car and omnibuses throughout North Staffordshire, is contemplating abandoning the running of tramway-cars in the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

A reward of £25 is offered for information which will lead to the discovery of Mr. W. Roy Chubb, of St. James's Court, Buckingham Gate, S.W., the company director who disappeared shortly after his arrival in Birmingham on March 2.



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Captain Hacking (Under Secretary, Home Office) said that during the last 12 weeks 40 undesirable aliens have been deported.

The output of coal at the mines of Great Britain in the week ended March 5 was 5,318,600 tons, 1,015,000 workers being employed.

Three miners working in the Mill Close Lead Mine, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, were injured by an explosion, believed to be due to a gas pocket.

Sir Stephen Killik was elected alderman of the ward of Broad Street on the City Corporation in succession to Sir Frederick Barthorpe, who resigned owing to ill-health.

The committee of the Royal Yacht Squadron have appointed Paymaster-Commander Francis Nelson Walshe, R.N., as secretary in succession to the late Mr. T. H. Sabine Pasley.

The beam wireless stations erected at Grimsby and Sheerness for the Australian service have passed the seven days' test and are to be taken over by the Post Office at an early date.

For the third consecutive day traders who erected stalls in St. Ann's Road, Tottenham, N., against Tottenham Urban District Council's orders, had their removed in the council's dust carts.

Settled weather which prevailed in Orkney for several weeks greatly facilitated salvage operations in Scapa Flow, where 100 men are now engaged in efforts to raise the sunken German warship "Moltke."

Bedford Corporation, by 10 votes to 9, decided to refer back a committee's decision not to allow the use of the Corn Exchange for a meeting to be addressed by Mr. A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

When the funeral of Winifred Malkin, aged 13, of Rodney Road, Watworth, S.E., passed Faraday Street L.C.C. School, where she had received fatal injuries when at play, the scholars of the school lined upon the pavement in front.

A broken thigh and other injuries were received by George Cruickshanks, aged 25, an R.A.F. mechanic, Sheerness, who, when going on furlough, and feeling ill, leaned out of a train, in which he was travelling, near Aberdeen, and fell on the railway.

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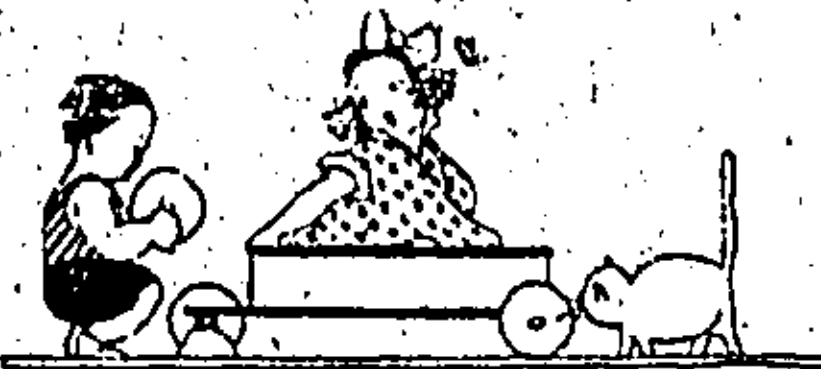
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INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, APRIL	Per
Amoy	26	Talma.
Japan	27	Arafura.
Shanghai	27	Sulyang.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	28	Empress of Asia.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers London 31st March, and parcels 24th March)	28	Morea.
Straits	29	Nyanza.
Japan & Shanghai	29	Malwa.
Straits	29	Hosang.
Straits	1	Suwa Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, APRIL	Per	Time
Sam Shui & Wuchow	26	Ching On	4 p.m.
Manila	26	President Jefferson	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	26	Soochow	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Swatow	26	Chak Sang	5 p.m.
Haiphong	26	Hanoi	5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 20th May.	26	Tyndareus.	
Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (27th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	26	Taiwa Maru	8.30 a.m.
Haiphong, Pakhoi & Haiphong	27	Autolycus	10 a.m.
Shanghai	27	Hong Peng	10 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	27	Borneo	10 a.m.
Haiphong	27	Hin Sang	2.30 p.m.
Sandakan	27	Chenan	5 p.m.
Swatow	27	Van Heutsz	10 a.m.
Straits	28	Talma.	
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 10 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.	28	Anjo Maru	10.30 a.m.
Japan	29	Morea	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	29	Hai Ning	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	29	Arafura.	
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 14th May. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	29	Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
Manila	29	Szechuen	5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	30	Malwa.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (30th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	30	Tjibodas	10 a.m.
Batavia	30	Anhui	5 p.m.
Amoy	30		

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BALANCE OF POWER.

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that it might be to prepare to meet any emergency that might arise over the split between the Hunanese and the Cantonese, which seemed so near a few days ago.

There has been a decided change in some places for the better since the visit of General Tang Seng-chi to Hunan. There are some places in this country which are very unsettled as yet. There is a seeming halt in the extreme measures of a few weeks ago.

Conditions like Russia. The one bad result promises to be poorer crops and a very much less acreage planted this year. The farmers are preparing to plant, but since the prices have been kept down and rice not allowed to leave, the farmers say that there is no use spending money for fertilisers and wages must be kept down as much as possible. It means, therefore, poor crops where this policy is carried out. Other farmers, who have enough land to feed themselves and some to sell, say they propose to plant enough only for their own family needs and let the other fields go to weed for the present. This is going to bring much poverty and in a country where rice is the chief product it will mean a decided lowering in the economic welfare of the people.

Balance of Power.

In strictly military terms, Tang Seng-chi holds the balance of power between Chiang Kai-shek's "new" government at Nanking and his opponents at Hankow.

For the time being—in the absence of evidence to the contrary—Mr. Eugene Chen must be treated in the light of a not too willing official of Hankow who is beset with difficulties in trying to steer a middle course.

A report in the "N.C. Daily News" on April 20 said:—"Hankow still dominates the bulk of the Nationalist Army. Generals Tang Seng-chi and Chu Pei-teh are for the moment with them."

"It is possible that both will eventually become Tutchans and leave the Communists helpless."

Wang Ching-wai's Position. Of Mr. Wang Ching-wai, the Toho Agency reported from Hankow on April 18 that he had made a declaration against General Chiang Kai-shek. Mr. Wang Ching-wai is the Kuomintang chairman who recently returned from exile and he was looked upon as a possible peacemaker between the rival factions.

Further to the articles published in Saturday's "China Mail" explaining the origin and the nature of the quarrel in the Nationalist camp, the following is taken from the "N.C. Daily News" of April 20:—

Theoretical Resolutions. The reorganisation of the new Government in Nanking has been duly celebrated in Nanking and Shanghai and probably in other places in Kiangsu and Chekiang.

Theoretically, there is no new Government. Theoretically and by resolutions passed in Hankow, the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has moved its headquarters from Nanchang to Nanking, but these devious fictions are of remote importance. Resolutions have been passed requesting General Tan Yen-kai and Mr. Wang Ching-wai to leave Hankow and to come immediately to Nanking, but it is very doubtful whether they can perform this act as shipping, among other factors, is very scarce.

Call to Nanking. Other members of the Central Executive Committee—that is, that committee which existed before the Plenary Session recently held in Hankow, have been requested to come. Many of them are in Nanking. Some have stayed away. It is not a matter of very great importance, as the Nanking Government is General Chiang Kai-shek's Government and he will probably manage it as he sees fit with or without the support of the civilian Government which is ostensibly being created in Nanking.

The purpose of the Nanking Government is to purge the Kuomintang of the Communist Party elements and to drive out of the Nationalist Government all Communists. Tantamount to War. As the whole "Hankow" Government is a Communist organisation, this is tantamount to a declaration of war against it. Hankow has responded by a warlike act: it has declared a moratorium, sealed all the safes and vaults, forbidden the banks to pay out any silver and ordered the populace to accept the banknotes of the Hankow branches of the Bank of China and Communications, and the Central Bank.

As the Central Bank reserves are in Canton under the control of the military there, the Hankow people are in a very bad way. But the Hankow Government will by this method achieve several millions which they will undoubtedly utilise to start another war, this time, against General Chiang Kai-shek's Government in Nanking.

Broken in Twain.

Thus, is the Nationalist Government broken in twain with its far-famed, Russian-trained army fighting not "Imperialism" and capitalism as they were several weeks ago, but counter-revolution for in the parlance of General Chiang Kai-shek, Hankow is a Communist counter-revolutionary body engaged in destroying the fruits of the Kuomintang revolution, while Hankow accuses Nanking of doing exactly the same thing, but this time, it is not the Communist who is the counter-revolutionist, but the militarists who have sold out to the imperialist. All slogans are therefore to be revised on the basis of the new orientation, as the Russians will undoubtedly tell them in Hankow.

Chiang Kai-shek's Plums. From a financial standpoint, the plums are with the Nanking Government.

They have the two wealthy, revenue-producing provinces of Kiangsu and Kwangtung to draw upon.

Ultimately, if any Kuomintang group can engender any foreign suspension of judgment, they will have it. The middle class of China is behind them and they have quelled but not killed Communist labour activity in the industrial centres under their control. To that extent, they have strength.

Hankow, on the other hand, still dominates the bulk of the Nationalist army. Generals Tang Seng-chi and Chu Pei-teh are for the moment with them. It is possible that both will eventually become Tutchans and leave the Communists helpless.

Hankow's Dilemma. It is also not beyond possibility that the news that the Fengtien army has reached Wusheng-kwan is true.

Hankow, then faced by frightful international complications by menacing Chinese armies and by a broken leadership may fall—but it is too early to be too sure, for the Communists have fallen before, only to find some little trick which prolongs their life.

The fact that so many of the military men of the Nationalist Army who were expected to join General Chiang Kai-shek have gone over to Hankow raises doubts as to the status of the Nanking Government. And at the same time, there are constant, authoritative reports of shooting from Pukow and of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's revival of an effort to capture Chinkiang.

Even the Pinks Excluded. If these reports be true, they mean that General Chiang Kai-shek has been unable to make any arrangements with the Northern Militarists to protect himself from their military efforts while he is engaged with Hankow.

The "rightness" of General Chiang Kai-shek's Government cannot be questioned, as the leading spirit of the Nanking Conference is Mr. Hu Han-min. This leadership closes the door to even pink Communists. Mr. Hu spent some time in exile in Moscow, where he learned all the methods of the Third International. Since his return to China last May, he has been active in creating the split between the Kuomintang and the Communists which has now eventuated.

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Bathing beaches in the Colony this summer, as far as can be ascertained at present, will be opened to the public in the same localities as last year. In view of the greatly increased military body at present stationed there, however, the Stonecutters beach will not be available for the civilian population this year. Kowloon residents are nevertheless promised other equally desirable and easily accessible accommodation on the peninsula itself, under a scheme which has already received favourable consideration. Details which are just now being worked out cannot yet be announced, but it is understood work on this new beach will begin at an early date.

The authorities are also discussing at present the general improvement of all existing beaches and public facilities thereon, with the view to rendering the maximum utility and convenience possible with the funds at their disposal specially earmarked for the purpose.

Changes at Repulse Bay will aim at making it the ideal resort it ought to be by cutting the undergrowth and installing sanitary conveniences there.

The "China Mail" is assured that the Government has not lost sight of the fact that the bathing season is due to open very soon. Many people have already taken to the water with the change in the weather. There is really very little time in which to get the beaches into proper shape, and it is reassuring to know that those responsible, no less than others, realise that there is no time to waste and will do everything possible to speed up the work in hand. With the major details already worked out it should not take longer than the end of this week to straighten out the smaller points peculiar to each particular locality, and permit of definite steps being taken to put the various plans into effect.

LOCAL HEALTH.

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19 CASES: 15 DEATHS.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, as reported to the Medical Officer of Health, was as follows:—

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